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INTRODUCTION

IN the year 1914 the LINCOLN RECORD SOCIETY issued to its members Volume I of *Lincoln Wills registered in the District Probate Registry at Lincoln*.[1] The present volume continues the same series of wills from the beginning of the year 1527 (old style), where the previous volume stopped. A few earlier wills, which have been found since Volume I was issued, are printed at the beginning; and a few more, which have come to light while the present book has been in the press, are added at the end.

The principles laid down in the preface to Volume I have been followed. Accordingly, this volume gives abstracts of all the wills that have been found for the period which it covers, namely, 25 March, 1527, to 31 May, 1530. A good deal of common form, and many unimportant bequests have been omitted. Sometimes, when the testator is more than usually verbose, the will has been drastically shortened. An instance of this occurs at line 15 from the foot of page 119 to line 9 on page 120. Though a will may be thus shortened by omission, the printed abstract preserves the actual words of the original. Where, for the sake of brevity or clearness, it has been necessary to depart from this rule, and to use words not found in the will, the substituted words have been enclosed in square brackets as in the thirteenth line of Richard Herde's will on page 19. Where the substitution is of some length, the brackets have been printed in heavy type in order that they may the more easily catch the reader's eye, as on pages 119 and 120.

Though there is nothing in this volume quite equal in point of antiquarian interest to the wills of Richard de Whitewell and Geoffrey le Scrope in Volume I, there are many wills which illustrate the manners and customs of the Tudor period, while there is scarcely one that will not be of value to the genealogist.

§1. *The last will made when death is imminent*[2]

As in the earlier period, most of the wills are made when the testator sees death close at hand. It is so near that a testator can give a list

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[1] Publications, vol. v.

[2] For the history of the law relating to wills and testaments and to intestacy in England, see Professor Maitland's account in *The History of English Law*, ii, pp. 314-363. For the Roman canon law, see the *Decretals*, liber iii, titulus, xxvi, *De testamentis et ultimis voluntatibus*, and titulus xxvii, *De successionibus ab intestato*; also the *Liber Sextus*, liber iii, titulus xi; also the *Clementines*, liber iii, titulus vi. For the Roman Civil Law, see Dr H. J. Roby's account in *The Cambridge Medieval History*, ii, pp. 78-88.

of the 'dettes that I awe at the hore of death.'[1] Once the interval between the date of the will and its probation is only four days (p. 34). The usual period is a few weeks; and the little more or the little less seems almost to tell us the length of the testator's last illness. Sometimes he recovers, unexpectedly it may be, and this may account for a longer interval in a few cases—five years (pp. 3, 4), ten years (pp. 9, 11), twelve years (pp. 8, 9), twenty-eight years (pp. 2, 3), etc. Or perhaps he is a provident person who makes his testament in days of health,

quia nichil certius morte, nichil incertius hora mortis,

to use a phrase, coined seemingly by Bracton,[2] which caught men's fancy, and is often quoted in the centuries which follow. Men, however, are superstitious, and in the sixteenth century, and no doubt earlier too, it is considered unlucky to make a will except when death is close at hand, for he who makes his will before he falls sick will surely not live long.[3] Some who make their testaments betimes are evidently influenced by the dread of some imminent peril, such as the outbreaks of the plague which occurred frequently in the reign of Henry VIII, and caused enormous loss of life. Thus:

I Henry Chambres off Horncastr', beyng of a hole mynde and perfyte remembraunce, preventyng by the grace of God the incerten stroke of dethe and the sodan knokkyng and flagicion of allmyghtty God, now beyng in good helthe, makyth my last will and mynde (p. 15).

I Thomas Chambers of Bolyngbroke, off good helth and prosperite, loved be God, but dredyng the howre uncerten off deth, makyth my testament wherin is conteynyd my last wyll (p. 36).

I William Preston, hole in mynde and saff in body, dredyng the perell of dethe, makes my last will, [etc.] (p. 77; cp. p. 143).

I Thomas Spurre of Myddell Rasen, concernyng man to be mortall, makyth my last testament (p. 171).

The intervals between the date of the will and probate in these cases are seven and a half years, ten days, two years, and four months, respectively.

§2. *The last will a religious instrument*

The wills in our period are religious instruments still, as they will be till comparatively modern days. They begin with an invocation of the Holy Trinity; then they commend the soul to God, blessed Mary, and all the saints or the whole company of heaven. Directions are nearly always given for the burial of the body; and also for the payment of the mortuary, principal, corse-present, or soul-scot to the parish priest. Often, too, there is a payment for tithes negligently or, perhaps conveniently, forgotten; for the man is going to make his

[1] Wills, bundle M., no. 287.

[2] *Bracton's Note Book*, ed. Maitland, i, p. 90; iii, p. 142. Bracton, *De Legibus*, f. 27. See below, p. 215.

[3] Cp. Henry Swinburne, *A Briefe Treatise of Testaments & Last Wils*, ed. 1637, p. 43.

last account, and the old system of the collection of tithes in kind has given him opportunities, which maybe he has used, of defrauding the parson of his due. Much money is at times directed to be spent on the funeral with its elaborate services—placebo, dirige, commendation, and mass of requiem.[1] Perhaps a trental of masses is to be sung by thirty priests on the day of burial[2] for the souls of the testator and his kindred (p. 139). Money is to be spent also in payments to priests and poor people with a view to securing a good attendance at the funeral; and a dole of bread or money is to be given to the poor who are present. Sometimes provision is made for a tomb or a lairstone in the church (p. 164). The cost of a funeral must often have been large, and occasionally enormous. In 1594 George Wilmer of Westham in Essex, appoints a sum of five hundred pounds for the 'christianlike accomplishment' of his funeral,[3] and that at a time when the religious ceremonies at the burial of the dead had been reduced to a minimum. Some people, however, are opposed to suchlike extravagance. One testator directs

> that ther shall be no peny dole dolte for me at my buryall, nor none assemble for that cause to be had, at the churche where I shall be buryed, of pore folkes; and I will that warnyng shall be gyffyn theroff (p. 90).

That this direction is not made in a spirit of parsimony is clear for he proceeds:

> I will that oon hundreth grootes be dolte to on hundreth persons that be in povertie and age (*ibid.*).

Another charges his executors that they shall

> make no pompouse buryall, but bryng my body to the grounde honestely with owt any solempe ryngyng of all the bellys, savyng on peale afore dirige and on other peale at messe, and ellys but on bell be rung continually to I be layd in the grounde in my long bedde (p. 89).

Two other testators speak of the tomb as their home. 'When I ame broght whoom' (p. 61); 'they [the executors] to pay my dettes and to bryng me home as they thynk best for the helth of my soule' (p. 152). Another desires that his body be brought to 'the holy moldes' (p. 112).

Besides the ceremonies of the day of burial provision is sometimes made for services on the seventh and the thirtieth days after death, and for an obit on the year-day, anniversary of death, or mening-day. Sometimes the year-day means the first anniversary of death (pp. 120, 210); but generally the term signifies an obit to be observed for a term of years or in perpetuity. Hugh Schawe gives minute directions for the observance of an obit and other days for the health of the souls of himself and his five wives (pp. 189-91).

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[1] In 1338, Nicholas of Huggate, provost and canon of Beverley, leaves 200*l.* for the hire of sixty chaplains who shall celebrate for his soul continuously for a whole year, each of them being sworn to say daily Commendation, Placebo, and Dirige (*The Chapter Act Book of the Collegiate Church of St. John of Beverley*, ed. A. F. Leach, vol. ii, pp. 122-123: Surtees Society).

[2] For a note on trentals, see vol. i, p. 247.

[3] *History of the Wilmer Family*, by Foster & Green p. 96.

In some cases the masses are to be said at *Scala Caeli*. Testators seek to secure the prayers of the faithful at the obit, no less than at the funeral, by payments to priests and doles to the poor, and by giving directions that those who come shall be entertained with bread and cheese and beer. Other testators provide for daily masses, and occasionally a chantry is founded, or pilgrimages to the shrines of popular saints are ordered.

An account of the various services for the burial and commemoration of the dead was given in Volume I (pp. 245-247), but it may be of interest to mention here some of the amounts which were paid for masses for the departed—a mass at *Scala Caeli*, 4*d*. (p. 190), 5*d*. (p. 196); a trental (30 masses), 10*s*. (p. 102); yearly stipends of priests, 40*s*., a bonnet, and a shirt (p. 143), 4*l*. (p. 188), 4*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. (pp. 18, 55, 90, 140, 178), 5*l*. (pp. 73, 102, 117, 124, 135, 173, 178), 5*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. (pp. 12, 40, 81, 87, 125, 145, 146, 155, 160, 170, 190, 203, 214).

§3. *The 'last words'*

The practice of making the last will only when death is imminent is reminiscent of a time before the Norman Conquest, when a dying man made a verbal disposition of his goods almost with his latest breath. This was probably done as part of a religious service, in which also he made his last confession. It is not unlikely that the verbal disposition was accompanied by some kind of delivery of possession, some actual handing over of the chattels to the legatees. By the twelfth century it is customary to record the disposition in writing; and, even when it is made some few days before death, it seems still to be regarded as the testator's last words, *verba novissima*, uttered in advance.

In Anglo-Saxon times the parish priest must needs be present to receive the dying man's confession and to hear his last words; and in the two volumes of *Lincoln Wills* the priest is still in most cases the first and principal witness. It may further be remarked that the English Church, in the order for the Visitation of the Sick in the *Book of Common Prayer*, still directs the parish priest to admonish the sick man to make his will, if he has not already done so; though, it is added, 'men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health.'

§4. *Importance of the 'last words'*

It seems probable that, from the time when Christianity was introduced into England, the Church taught that a dying man is bound to make reparation for his sins by devoting a portion of his fortune to the relief of the poor and other good works.[1] In Cnut's day it is unusual for a man to die without 'last words.' During the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries there is an intense horror of intestacy. In 1271, Henry de Colebi makes his testament 'nolens

[1] *Hist. of Eng. Law.*, ii, p. 314.

decedere intestatus' (see below p. 215). It is a common opinion that the man who dies without 'last words,' intestate, dies also unconfessed; and for such an one it is very difficult to obtain burial in consecrated soil. The best that can be done for him is to distribute his property for the good of his soul, and to leave him in the hands of God, Whose mercy is infinite.[1] Even if the man has died suddenly without an opportunity of uttering 'last words,' there is grave cause for alarm. Professor Maitland relates some mediæval stories about intestacy, of which three may be quoted here:

> There were malicious men who did not scruple to assert that Archbishop Hubert, who had been chief justiciar, had died intestate. A friendly chronicler has warmly rebutted this hideous accusation. In Henry III's reign the monks of St. Alban's believed that an enemy of theirs, Adam Fitzwilliam, a justice of the Bench, had died intestate. True that his friend and colleague, William of Culworth, had gone before the bishop of London and affirmed that Adam made a will of which he, William, was the 'procurator and executor'; but this, said the monks, was a pious lie. A pious lie—for William was striving to defend his companion's fair fame against the damning charge of intestacy. Of another enemy of St. Alban, the terrible Fawkes of Breauté, it is written that he was poisoned; that having gone to bed after supper, he was found dead, black, stinking and intestate. (*Hist. of Eng. Law*, ii, p. 358).

There is, however, felt to be a wide difference between the man who is snatched away by a sudden and unexpected death, 'subita et inpreparata morte,' and the man who lies upon his sick bed obstinately refusing to make his confession and to utter his 'last words,' who will make no response either by word or by gesture to the appeals of his confessor or his kindred, but 'dies, and makes no sign.'[2] Professor Maitland gives an illustration:

> In Edward I's time a man was attacked by robbers and he was found by the neighbours at the point of death; he died before a priest could be brought to him; he was buried in the high road. Archbishop Peckham took a merciful view of the case:—It is said that the poor wretch asked for a priest; if this can be proved, let his body be exhumed and buried in Christian fashion, for he did what he could towards making a testament. (*Hist. of Engl. Law*, ii, p. 358).

§5. *Manuscript sources*

The existing Lincolnshire wills are preserved in the following depositories:

1. *The Lincoln District Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice*—These wills begin about the year 1500, and particulars of the several courts in which they were proved is given in *Calendars of Lincoln Wills* (vol. i, pp. x-xii, Publications of the British Record Society).

2. *The Registry of the Bishop of Lincoln*—The earliest will is dated 1319, and the latest 1537. Abstracts of these wills were printed by Mr. Alfred Gibbons, in 1888, under the title of *Early Lincoln Wills*, and they include the wills of testators who dwelt in those parts of the ancient diocese of Lincoln, which lay outside Lincolnshire.

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[1] *Ibid.*, p. 356.

[2] Shakespeare, *Henry VI*, part ii, 3, 3.

3. *The Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln*—There are a very few original wills, such as those of Henry de Colebi (see below p. 215), Henry Baundeney, 'Illuminator' (vol. i, pp. 4, 5), and Avice de Crosseby (*ibid.*, pp. 5-7); also a few detached copies, such as the wills of Christiana de Bennington (*ibid.*, pp. 2-4); and Geoffrey le Scrope (*ibid.*, pp. 11-19); and a large number of copies, from about the year 1335, registered in volumes of Chapter Acts. The Chapter Acts from 1520 to 1559 are now being edited by Canon Cole for this Society; and in the two volumes of his work which have appeared already many wills are recorded (*Publications*, xii, xiii).

4. *Lambeth Palace Library*—The wills, which extend from about 1313 to 1644, are registered in the Archiepiscopal Registers, and a list of them has been printed in the *Genealogist* (old series, volumes v, vi). A new calender of these wills by Mr. J. Challenor C. Smith, F.S.A., is in course of publication in the *Genealogist* (new series, vol. xxxiv, p. 53).

5. *The Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury*—A few Lincolnshire wills are registered among the wills proved before the prior and convent of Canterbury during vacancies in the archiepiscopal see (see *Historical Manuscripts Commission*, eighth report, appendix, pp. 331-335).

6. *The Prerogative Court of Canterbury at Somerset House*—The wills are all registered copies, and the earliest Lincolnshire testament is dated 1388 (Rous 2).

§6. *Procedure*

In the earlier half of the sixteenth century the general practice in the county of Lincoln seems to have been for the executors, when they proved a will before the official of the ecclesiastical court, whether registrar or commissary, to exhibit the original document. A copy was thereupon made by the official unless, as sometimes happened, the executors brought instead of the original will a copy attested by a notary. The copy was then registered at Lincoln by being copied into a volume or register. Thus were there three documents—the original will, the copy for registration, and the registered copy. Of the wills printed here the originals, as well might be expected, are not now forthcoming; the copies also have disappeared; but the registered copies are preserved in the form of bound volumes in the District Probate Registry at Lincoln. It will be convenient to take these three classes in the reverse order, and to follow their history down to 1670.

1. *The registered copies*—These begin with a volume entitled *1506 and subsequent years*, and are continued in a long series of registers. All the wills that have been found prior to June, 1530, have now been printed in *Lincoln Wills*, volumes i and ii.

2. *Copies for registration*—Of these copies the earliest that have been preserved are dated 1538. At first they are often marked *R.* or *Reg'*, abbreviations which are sometimes extended into *copia registranda.* They are written on sheets of paper of many sizes and shapes, and in form they are exactly like the registered copies. Between 1545 and 1575, with a view to saving the labour of copying, some of the *copiae registrandae* have been bound up into volumes. These volumes are much larger than the normal register, and of course their leaves are of varying sizes. From about 1580 it is often impossible to distinguish between the *copiae registrandae* and the registered copies, and all that can be said is that, if the former are bound into the registers at all, they are only so used when they are written on sheets of the same size as the foolscap pages of the normal register. No *copiae registrandae* have been found after 1610.

3. *The original wills*—After 1550 we first find amongst the *copiae registrandae* what appear to be original wills. At first they are few in number, but they gradually become more plentiful. From 1550 to 1575 they have sometimes been incorporated into the registers in the way described with reference to the *copiae registrandae.* After 1575 they are only bound into the registers when they are of a suitable size. By 1600 it has evidently become the general practice for the registrar to retain the original wills, binding them into the registers when they are written on foolscap or smaller sheets, and copying them into the registers when they are written on larger sheets. After 1610 original wills are sometimes bound into the registers and folded to fit the volume. From 1648 the registers are composed entirely of original wills, those which are written on sheets larger than foolscap being folded. For the purpose of binding, the original wills are often arranged in quires of about six sheets, and therefore it happens that, after turning over half a dozen leaves, each containing a will, one comes next to half a dozen blank fly-leaves. This arrangement is not altogether convenient, for every now and then a note relating to probate or some other matter has been made upon a fly-leaf which may now be separated from its proper will by several intervening folios.

§7. *Signature by testator and witnesses*

Copies of wills before 1550—It has been stated already that, with a very few exceptions, there are no original Lincolnshire wills before the middle of the sixteenth century. In the copies on which we have to rely for the earlier wills, the testator but seldom states that he attests the will with his name or seal. Probably the more important wills were sealed, while a few others were signed. In two cases only between 1500 and 1530 has a signature been reproduced in the copy. The names of the witnesses are invariably given at the end of the text, and as forming part of it, after the manner of such names in medieval charters. Their signatures or marks, if any there were, have not been copied.

Original wills—When original wills begin to appear, about 1550, the signatures of testators and witnesses rarely occur. The testator's seal is sometimes affixed to important wills. By 1590 signatures or marks occur much oftener, that of the testator being commoner than those of the witnesses. Sometimes, however, the witnesses sign when the testator does not. By 1610 it is the rule that both testator and witnesses sign, but there are many exceptions. From that time onwards the exceptions become fewer.

Copies of wills after 1550—By 1570 it has become more common for the testator to state that he has set his name or, more often, his mark or seal to the will, but very often the signature or mark has not been copied. One testator, in 1570, says that he sets to his sheep-brand; but it has not been reproduced. By 1600 it has become quite usual for the testator to speak of appending his name or mark, but it is still the practice to omit the signature. The names of the witnesses are still recorded in the text, their signatures being omitted. After 1600 the signatures or marks of testator and witnesses are copied rather oftener than before. In a few instances, between 1590 and 1610, both the original will and a copy have survived, and it is instructive to compare them. The two will occasionally be exactly alike; or the copy will reproduce the signatures of testator and witnesses while omitting their marks; or, more often, the copy will omit all signatures and marks, merely recording in the text the names of the witnesses.

The conclusion which the evidence seems to warrant is that there is a progressive tendency from the time of Henry VIII to raise the status of the written document, and a gradual advance from a time when the signature of the testator is not of much account, and when it is sufficient merely to record the names of the witnesses, towards a rule which will make it necessary for both testator and witnesses to sign. That rule, however, was not fully established until 1837. The testator's signature is first required by statute in 1540[1]; and then only if the will contains a devise of land in fee simple. The Statute of Frauds (29 Charles II, cap. 3, sec. 5) first makes it necessary for the witnesses of such a will to sign their names, and requires that they shall be three or four in number. In the case of a will of chattels the signatures of testator and witnesses are not necessary to its validity until the Wills Act of 1 Victoria (cap. 26, sec. 9).

§8. *Nuncupative Wills*

By the twelfth century it had become the general practice to put the 'last words' into writing at the time of their utterance. It is not uncommon, however, from that time onwards to find nuncupative wills, that is, wills made by word of mouth in the presence of witnesses, and afterwards, probably when the testator is dead, reduced

[1] 32 Henry VIII, cap. 1, as amended by 34 and 35 Henry VIII, cap. 5.

to writing. The testament of Henry de Colebi in 1271 (see below, p. 215) is a very early instance of such a will. Some early examples are to be found in *Testamenta Eboracensia*, (part i, pp. 21, 36, 74, 264, etc.; part ii, p. 217: Surtees Society). The earliest nuncupative wills of the sixteenth century which have been found at Lincoln, in a search, which after 1530 cannot claim to be exhaustive, belong to the year 1561 (*Register*, 1561, ff. 164, 168*d.*, 177*d.*, 251*d.*).

The statutes of 32 and 34-35 Henry VIII, already referred to, provide that a will containing a devise of land must be in writing; but men are left free to make a verbal disposition of their goods and chattels until the Wills Act of 1 Victoria (cap. 26, sec. 9), which provides that no will shall be valid unless it shall be in writing, except as regards two classes of persons, viz., 'any soldier, being in actual military service; or of any mariner or seaman, being at sea.' These, by section 11 of the Act, may make a will by word of mouth.

Nuncupative wills are sometimes written in the first person singular, recording the testator's *verba ipsissima*; but generally, as in the case of Henry de Colebi's testament (see below, p. 215), they are expressed indirectly in the third person. A nuncupative will of 10 January, 1597-8, has the following title:

Wordes spoken by George Evorce at and before his deceasse in the hearinge of Richard Henson and John Betridge as followeth. (Bundle M.).

The 'wordes' are given in the third person, and the witnesses do not sign.

An early nuncupative will written in the first person may be indistinguishable from a written will, unless there is an express statement that it is nuncupative. Moreover the line between the two classes may not have been always easy to draw. A will dated 1635, which is not nuncupative in form, has the following note appended to it:

The said testatrix suddainly failed of sence speech and life before shee coulde subscribe her hand hereunto. (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, book 1635, f. 6).

The testator's 'last words' are all-important; whether they are written down before his death or afterwards is, until comparatively modern times, a matter of less moment. Just as the medieval charter did not convey land, but served as a record of a conveyance effected by livery of seisin, delivery of possession; so, in the case of the medieval will, the writing was not a dispository instrument effecting a disposition of the testator's fortune, but rather a record of a disposition made by word of mouth. Thus we find that a testator of the year 1524 saying 'I wtterly revoke and disanull all other willes by me herebefore made and spokon by my moth' (see p. 14, and note).

§9. *Last will and testament*

Sometimes a distinction is drawn between a will and a testament. A testator executes two documents, a testament, appointing a

personal representative executor, like the testament of Roman law, and disposing of his chattels; and a last will professing to make a disposition of his land (pp. 23, 26-28, 33, 39, etc.). The will is usually in the vulgar tongue, even though the testament in the first quarter of the sixteenth century may still be in Latin. Generally speaking, however, the last will and the testament are combined, and the testator will speak of the composite document as 'my testament and last will,' 'my testament concluding [*or* including] my last will,' or 'my testamente in ȝe wheche conteynythe my laste wyll' (p. 114). But often, as at the present day, the words will and testament are treated as equivalent terms.

§10. *Informal character of the last will*

Although the last will usually follows, more or less closely, the general form which is seen in the text, no particular form of words is necessary to give it validity. Even at the present day no particular form is required, and in the sixteenth century it may be very informal indeed; for it may be anything from a solemn document couched in approved legal phraseology, attested by seal, and witnessed by a notary, or an indenture in three parts (p. 80), to a rough note scribbled upon a scrap of paper, or a few broken sentences uttered by one who is at 'his last gaspe[1],' or even feeble signs of assent or acquiscence made in response to the suggestive questions of the kinsmen or the parish priest. Any of these may be a good and lawful testament; and in each case the ecclesiastical court will decide whether or no the evidence is sufficient to prove the dead man's mind and will.

§11. *Primogeniture*

In the last years of Henry II a strict primogenitary scheme was established for the inheritance of land, chiefly with a view to preventing the division of estates in the interest of the feudal system. The result was that thenceforth there was one law of succession to land and another law of succession to chattels. The real estate, to use a modern term, went to the heir; the personal estate might pass to other persons. About attempts to devise land and about bequests of chattels something must now be said.

§12. *Post-obit gifts of land*

At the present day a testator may devise his land to whomsoever he will. But he has not always had this power. Towards the end of the twelfth century the king's judges had established the rule that neither by his charter nor by his last will could a man make a post-obit gift of land, a gift, that is, which was to take effect after his death. His gift must take effect at once or it could have no strength at all. Glanvill gives the reasons for this decision:

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[1] Swinburne, *op. cit.*, p. 108.

As a general rule every one in his life-time may freely give away to whomsoever he pleases a reasonable part of his land. But hitherto this has not been allowed to any one who is at death's door, for there might be an immoderate dissipation of the inheritance if this were permitted to one who in the agony of approaching death has, as is not unfrequently the case, lost both his memory and his reason; and thus it may be presumed that one who when sick unto death has begun to do, what he never did while in sound health, namely, to distribute his land, is moved to this rather by his agony than by a deliberate mind. However, such a gift will hold good if made with the heir's consent and confirmed by him.[1]

An exception was made in the case of burgage tenements in boroughs, which could be devised by will according to the custom of the town.

Wills from the thirteenth century to the sixteenth, however, often profess to dispose of lands and tenements, and the present volume supplies many instances of such dispositions. These devises only held good, as Glanvill says, with the heir's consent, and by his confirmation; but in early days at any rate, considerable pressure could be brought to bear upon him with a view to gaining his consent. Especially in the case of a gift to a church, he would hesitate to invalidate what his father had tried to do for the safety of his soul; and moreover he might fear that his father's curse might light upon him.

In 1540, the Statute of Wills[2] gave a testator power to devise the whole of his freehold land held in free socage and two-thirds of that held by military service. When military service was abolished by statute[3], as from 24 February, 1645-6, the restriction as to two-thirds disappeared since all freehold land was thenceforth held in socage. A medieval testament of chattels, like a modern will, was, to use a term of Professor Maitland's, an ambulatory instrument[4], that is, it disposed not only of the chattels that the testator was possessed of at the date of the testament, but of all the chattels that might belong to him at the time of his death. With a will devising land the case was different. The will was regarded as a kind of conveyance, and not as an ambulatory instrument. The devise therefore affected only such land as belonged to the testator at the date of the will. Wherefore no after-acquired land could pass under such a devise unless, after it had been acquired, the testator had formally re-published his will.[5] This restraint with regard to after-acquired land was removed by 1 Victoria (cap. 26).

Copyhold lands, and also any estate in freehold that was less than a life-interest, could pass by any will or testament that was sufficient to bequeath chattels.

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[1] *Tractatus de Legibus et Consuetudinibus Regni Angliae*, liber vii, cap. 1, quoted by Maitland, *op. cit.*, ii, 328.

[2] 32 Henry VIII, cap. 1, as amended by 34 and 35 Henry VIII, cap. 5.

[3] 12 Car. II, cap. 24.

[4] *Op. cit.*, ii. p. 315.

[5] Blackstone, *Commentaries*, 12th ed., ii, pp. 378-9.

§13. *Bequests of chattels; Legitim*

Even in the matter of his chattels a medieval testator, unlike a testator of the present day, could not do what he would with his own. True it is that in the thirteenth century if he had neither wife nor child he could leave his goods as he liked. But if he left a wife, or a child and no wife, he was restrained by the law of legitim, according to which his goods, after his debts had been paid, were divided into three equal parts, of which one passed to the wife, another to his children, while the third, 'the dead's part' was at his own disposal. If he died without a wife, he might dispose of one half, while the other went to his child or children; or if he had no children, the wife took half, and the other half was at his own disposal. These shares were known as 'the wife's part,' 'the bairns' part,' and 'the dead's part.' Among themselves the children, whether sons or daughters, took equal shares. The heir would get no share unless he brought into account the value of his inheritance, that is the land to which he had succeeded, and every child who had been 'advanced' by the testator in his life-time was bound to bring back the value of the advancement into hotchpot before claiming his 'bairn's part.' 'The bairns' part' was limited strictly to children: if a child had died, his offspring took no share. The shares of the wife and children were called their reasonable parts; and the writ *de rationabili parte bonorum* might be obtained to recover them.[1] This almost certainly was the law throughout England in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. In the province of York it was maintained until 1692[2], and it obtains in Scotland at the present day. The date when it fell into abeyance in the province of Canterbury is uncertain. In 1342 the provincial constitutions of Archbishop Stratford speak of it as 'custom and law'; but in Elizabeth's day the ecclesiastical courts of the province were no longer enforcing the old rule, otherwise than as a very exceptional local custom[3].

Some reminiscences of the custom of legitim occur in the present volume:

> I will that my chyldren partes be knawne what it cumyth too ... ... Also I wyll that the thyrde parte be disposyd for the helthe of my soule (pp. 175, 176).

> I wyll that my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, my wyff to have on parte, my chylder another, and the thyrd parte I will that my wyff and Gregory my sonne, whome I make my executors, dispose for the helthe of my soule (p. 177; cp. p. 123).

> I will that all my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, on parte to Alice my wyff, the secunde parte to my chylder ... ...; of the thyrde part my dettes to be payd [etc.], and the resydewe to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys (p. 206).

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[1] *Hist. of Eng. Law*, ii, 348-9; Blackstone, *op. cit.*, ii, 491, 492.

[2] Statute 4, Will. and Mary, cap. 2.

[3] *Hist. of Eng. Law*, ii, pp. 349-356.

An instance may be added from the will of John Thomson of Caythorpe, dated 16 December, 1545. After leaving fourpence apiece to his godchildren, and to his daughter Jane 'a panne v shettꝑ v pillowe beres a payre of beadꝑ a gowne and a kyrtill and a stone of hempe,' he continues :

The residewe of my guddes I beqethe in thre partes, the fyrst to my selff, a nother to my wiff, the third to my childer, and I will that Thomas and John my sonnes have of my parte ether of them xxs. to mende ther partes and the reste of my parte devydyd emonges all my children. (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, book 1545-6, part i, ff. 64 and 64*d*.).

A considerable majority of the wills printed here provide that the residue, which is evidently 'the dead's part,' shall be disposed, in whole or in part, for the souls of the testator and his kindred and the rest of the faithful[1].

It is not always easy to say whether the residue is the whole remainder of the chattels or only 'the dead's part,' 'the wife's part' and 'the bairns' part' having been exhausted in the specific bequests, or being left unmentioned to follow the custom of the country.

In many of the wills, and apparently in a somewhat increasing number towards the end of our period, the residue is bequeathed to wife or children or other relatives without special provision for the testator's soul. In some of these cases, however, there are specific bequests for religious purposes earlier in the will, and the disposition of part of the residue for the spiritual benefit of the testator is not necessarily excluded when the executors, as almost invariably happens, are made residuary legatees. Sometimes it is provided that the residue shall be used for the upbringing of the children or for the maintenance of the wife.

The usual words of gift are, in Latin, 'do, lego'; in English, 'I give, I bequeath or wyte.' The distinction between a 'devise' of land and a 'bequest' of goods and chattels is modern. In early wills men profess to bequeath or wyte their land as well as their chattels.

§14. *Jurisdiction in testamentary causes*

From a time long before the Conquest the church had claimed the right to supervise gifts devoted to religious or pious uses ; and in the twelfth century the claim had developed into a jurisdiction in testamentary causes. In Glanvill's time, at the end of Henry II's reign, a concordat was in process of being arranged between the king and the church, by which the jurisdiction in causes of advowson was to belong to the king's courts, while all testamentary causes were to be within the jurisdiction of the courts christian, *i.e.* the ecclesiastical courts. By the reign of Henry III this arrangement had been established. From that time therefore we find that testaments and last wills were, with some local exceptions, proved in the ecclesiastical courts until all testamentary jurisdiction was transferred by the

[1] This disposition, since it is so common, is not always given in the printed abstracts.

statute of 1858 (20 & 21 Victoria, cap. 77) to the probate division of the king's high court of justice. As was mentioned above, the jurisdiction conceded to the church related only to the dead man's chattels; it did not touch his land.

§15. *Courts of Probate*

The wills printed here were proved in the consistory court of the bishop of Lincoln, the court of the archdeacon of Lincoln, and the court of the archdeacon of Stow. The records of the last mentioned court form a distinct series. The wills proved in the respective courts of the bishop and of the archdeacon of Lincoln are, however, generally indistinguishable. The same person often filled the office of registrar to both bishop and archdeacon, and the lesser officials also were common to both; it is therefore impossible in many cases to tell the capacity in which they are acting, whether for bishop or archdeacon.

§16. *Who may make a will*

It has been stated above (p. xix) that the statute of 32 Henry VIII first authorised an owner in fee simple to make a will of his lands. That statute was explained by 34 and 35 Henry VIII (cap. 5, sec. 14), which enacted as follows:

> That wills or testaments, made of any manors, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, by any woman covert, or person within the age of one and twenty years, idiot, or by any person *de non sane* memory, shall not be taken to be good or effectual in the Law.

This was the law until 1837, when the statute of 1 Victoria (cap. 26) enacted as follows:

> That no will made by any person under the age of twenty-one years shall be valid (sec. 7).

> That no will made by any married woman shall be valid, except such a will as might have been made by a married woman before the passing of this Act (sec. 8).

It will be observed that the statutes of Henry VIII relate only to land, whereas the act of Victoria covers chattels also. With regard to chattels the medieval doctrine in England was that a wife could not make a will without her husband's consent which could be revoked at any time before he had suffered the will to be proved. In the fourteenth century the church attempted to enlarge the right of the wife to make a will, a claim which led to a struggle between the lay courts and the courts christian, the victory ultimately falling to the lay courts.

Prior to the act of 1837 the doctrine was that boys of the age of fourteen and girls of the age of twelve were capable of making wills of chattels. The English ecclesiastical courts, to which the jurisdiction in wills of chattels belonged, adopted these ages from the Roman civil law; and herein they were upheld by the King's Bench, which persistently refused prohibitions against allowing wills made at such early ages.

§17. *Mortuaries*

By a very ancient custom a gift or offering was due to the parish priest on the death of a parishioner. This gift was known as the soul-scot, principal, corse-present, or mortuary. Its nature and value were regulated by local custom, but it commonly consisted of the best horse, best beast, best garment, or other chattel: hence the name principal (*Lat. principalium*). It seems often to have been presented at the door of the church with the corpse: hence the name corse-present or corpse-present. Almost every will in our period gives directions for the payment of a mortuary. These directions, when they consist of nothing more than such words as 'the mortuary that is due,' or 'my mortuary after the manner [*or* custom] of the town [*or* country *or* holy church]' have often been omitted in the printed abstracts. The following specific gifts occur as mortuaries—the best beast, the best quick good—33 times; the best horse (5, 74, 152)—3 times; the best horse and the testator's harness, *i.e.* armour (p. 22)—once; a 'done' (dun) mare (p. 166)—once; a cow (pp. 70, 158)—twice; the best cow (p. 165)—once; the best garment (pp. 69, 87), the best indument (p. 90)—thrice; the best thing, the best good—23 times.

These specific offerings come to a sudden end with the close of the year 1529 (old style), because on the first of April, 1530, a new statute (21 Henry VIII, cap. 6), became law. This act, after reciting in the preamble that there was doubt and ambiguity about mortuaries, which were often 'over-excessive to the poor people and other persons of this realm,' and were exacted from 'travelling and way faring men,' ordained rules which may be summarized as follows:

1 No mortuary shall be demanded in respect of any person who had movable goods under the value of ten marks at his death.

2 No mortuary shall be payable except where it has been the custom to pay mortuaries.

3 No more than one mortuary shall be demanded in respect of each person, and that one in the place where he usually dwelt.

4 Mortuaries shall be paid according to the following scale:—Where the value of the chattels of the deceased, after payment of debts, is

i from 10 to 29 marks	.....	.....	3*s.* 4*d.*
ii from 30 to 39 marks	.....	.....	6*s.* 8*d.*
iii 40 marks or over	.....	.....	10*s.* 0*d.*

provided that in places where mortuaries have hitherto been accustomed to be paid of less value than is aforesaid, no person shall be compelled to pay more than has been accustomed.

5 No mortuary shall be demanded from a married woman or a child, nor from a way-faring man except in the place where he usually dwelt.

6 It shall be lawful nevertheless for parsons, vicars, and other spiritual persons to receive any sum of money or other thing which shall by any person dying be bequeathed to them, or to the high altar of their church. (*The Statutes at Large*, ed. Keble, pp. 371, 372).

Some of the testators at the end of our period are influenced by this statute :

with my mortuary aftyr the acte of parliament late mayd and the custom of the towne of Boston (p. 190).

for my mortuary accordyng to the statutes of the parliament (p. 200).

to the hygh alter for tithys forgotten xvj*s*. viij*d*., wherupon I will that x*s*. be payd for the right of my mortuary, the rest for tithys forgotten (p. 186).

Selden in his *History of Tythes* (287, c. 10), says that a mortuary is an offering to the church as a satisfaction for the supposed negligence and omissions that the defunct had been guilty of in not paying his personal tithes. But in this volume there are numerous instances of bequests to the high altar, or to other altars, or to the sacrament for tithes neglected or forgotten, in addition to a provision for the payment of a mortuary.

§ *18. Particular bequests*

A feature of early wills is the particularity with which a testator bequeaths his chattels. Chairs, benches, tables, coffers, ambries, pots, pans, basins, lavers, candlesticks, bed-stocks, pillows, sheets, counterpanes, towels, cushions, pokers, tongs, plates, dishes, 'on habell muke carte', the 'best stee or lether' (p. 207), are mentioned separately. Many of these common bequests have been omitted in the abstracts, but every now and then they have been printed by way of illustration (*e.g.* p. 48). The live-stock is disposed of in like fashion; horses, ambling mares, stags, fillies, cows, sheep, being specified. One testator 'wytes' his oxen called Harte and Golding, and his horse called Begger (p. 195); another bequeaths his mares, Broke and Mope (p. 196); another his gelding called Blak of the Vale (p. 204). Other bequests include hounds, greyhounds, and spaniels; stalls of bees and bee-hives; swans and a swan-mark. Articles of clothing are often mentioned, coats, tunics, doublets, breeches, jackets, kirtles, gaberdines, and gowns of muster de villers or kendal or dornick. One man bequeaths his 'doble stryped bonnet' (p. 172), another his red nyght bonnet (p. 172). Sometimes the garments are more costly—a gown of Bruges satin (p. 56), a long gown lined with satin of cypress (pp. 211, 214), a 'gyrkyn of dammaske' (p. 93), or gowns furred or lined with fox or fitch (pole-cat) (pp. 93, 211). Articles of silver or silver-gilt also appear—cups, peces, nuts, goblets, mazers, salts, bowls, apostle-spoons, crucifixes; also jewelry—rings, signets with armorial bearings, buckles, triangles, pendents, vices; also girdles—'a dymysyn gylt with a rede stone and vj perels (apparels) and the coorse rasyd warke' (p. 51), silver harnessed girdles, 'a gyrdle with vj pypys sylver and gylte' (p. 26); also strings of beads of amber, coral, or jet, the gauds or larger beads, which mark the decades of *aves*, being generally of silver or silver-gilt.

There are innumerable legacies to the fabrics or repair funds of the cathedral and parish churches, for the building of steeples; to altars

and gilds ; or for the maintenance of roads and causeys and bridges. One man leaves his red horse to the high altar of his parish church (p. 182). The bequests to monasteries are not very numerous ; but the friars are often borne in mind. Sometimes the Easter sepulchre is remembered, or the shrine of St. Hugh's head and the red ark in the cathedral ; and there are bequests for organs and vestments. Books are bequeathed now and then, and also arms and armour. Many testators leave legacies to found or to maintain lights before the sacrament or before the image of a saint, or even for a light in honour of King Henry. It is a common thing to provide a stock of money or cattle or sheep for an endowment of a light or of an obit.

When provision is made for a boy's education it is generally in view of his ordination to the priesthood ; for he is to be kept at school till he is twenty-four or twenty-five years old ; and sometimes ordination is specifically mentioned (pp. 114, 173, 176, 201). One testator directs that his two daughters shall be sent to an abbey to learn for half a year (p. 160).

The mention of 'lande of the costom warke' (p. 35) takes us back to the time when the tenants of a manor did customary services of ploughing and reaping for their lord by way of rent for their tenements. Oxgangs, butts, riggs, and stangs of land belong to the past ; and riggs and acres lying 'seperally' or 'sonderly' (pp. 37, 46), are the testator's strips or selions that lie dispersed in the open fields, which prevailed throughout the country before the days of the enclosure acts, and which are still to be seen in the Isle of Axholme and in a few other districts.

In the neighbourhood of Boston it is a common custom in the sixteenth century, a custom which has persisted to the present day, to devise houses and other buildings with the land under them or with the land which they stand upon, instead of devising the land in the usual way with the buildings erected upon it (pp. 27, 40, 55, 69, 71, 84, 91, 113, 162, 182, 184, 195).

The old English word *þing*, *thing*, is found in the sense of a piece of land ; and the fact that it only appears as part of the name by which the land is known suggests that it is already an archaism in the sixteenth century.

§ 19. *Conclusion*

And now the time has come for the writer to utter his 'last words', verba novissima, so far as this volume is concerned, and to commend it to the favour and consideration of his readers, in the hope that it may form a stock the increase of which may presently be seen in histories of parishes and of families, and in other works illustrative of the manners and customs of the past.

ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Admin. . .	Administration
L. . . .	Henry Litherland (see p. xxvii)
L.C.C. . .	Lincoln Consistory Court
L.R.S. . .	*Publications of the Lincoln Record Society*
Lyle . . .	A bundle of wills labelled *Lyle* in a portfolio of sixteenth century wills in the Lincoln District Probate Registry
N.E.D. . .	*A New English Dictionary*
P. . . .	John Pryn (see p. xxvii)
Pope . .	John Pope (see p. xxvii)
R. . . .	John Rayne (see p. xxvii)
Stow . .	Court of the Archdeacon of Stow
Subsidy . .	*Subsidy collected in the Diocese of Lincoln in 1526*, ed. Rev. H. Salter
Var. . . .	A book labelled *Various* in the Lincoln District Probate Registry
Volume I . .	Lincoln Wills, volume I, being the fifth volume of the publications of the Lincoln Record Society

For the use of square brackets see page ix.

JUDGES AND OFFICIALS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURTS BEFORE WHOM THE WILLS WERE PROVED

WARHAM, William, archbishop of Canterbury (p. 4)

SMITH, William, bishop of Lincoln (p. 4)

LITHERLAND, Henry, bachelor in decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Stow (pp. 94, 102)

POPE, John, official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln (pp. 72, 82, 212, 214)

PRYN, John, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln (*passim*)

RAYNE, John, LL.D., vicar general and official principal of the Bishop of Lincoln (pp. 123, 147)

SMYTHE, John, bachelor in decrees, commissary of master Simon Grene *alias* Foderby, official of Lincoln and guardian of the spiritualities, *sede vacante* (p. 8)

SMYTHE, William, LL.B., archdeacon of Stow (p. 5)

THORNETON, Thomas, dean of the deanery of Louthesk and Ludborough, and deputy of master John Pryn (p. 212)

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

p. 27, l. 17—*for* Herleyshon *read* Herleyshou

p. 39, l. 2 from foot—*for* 1527 *read* 1528

p. 65, ll. 6 and 5 from foot of text—*for* almmenrenyttes *read* almmenreuyttes

p. 145, ll. 15 and 11 from foot—*add* [*sic*] *after* Elizabeth *and after* Margaret

p. 170, l. 27—*for* Grauncer *read* grauncer (*i.e.* grandsire)

p. 172, l. 11 from foot—*for* fest *read* feft

p. 197, l. 22—*for* Collecte *read* Collette

ERRATA IN VOLUME I

p. 15, l. 4 from foot of text—*for* girdle *read* garland

p. 38, l. 18 from foot—for (*stile*) *read* (*scile*)

p. 43, l. 17—*for* pair of rosaries *read* set of beads

p. 43, l. 25—*for* stalls (*stabellorum*) *read* benches (*scabellorum*)

p. 54, l. 8 from foot—*for* stalls (*stamnorum*) *read* benches (*scamnorum*)

p. 75, l. 2 from foot—*for* implements *read* horse-trappings

p. 106, l. 4—*for* everythone *read* everychone

p. 259, *s.v.* Stila—*for* Stila *read* Scila

Also see below in the Glossary of the present volume, *s.v.* BOILED LEATHER; CERTUM; GRIS; NUT; PHALLERAE; PRECULAE; SCABELLUM; SCAMNUM; STERTHUPPE; STILLICIDIUM; TABERNACLE; VOWESS.

LINCOLN WILLS

Volume II

The testament of Michael Totte [of Mareham le Fen].

[L.C.C., 1535-7, *f.* 70*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

Here follows a true copy of the testament of Michael Tott, written by the hand of Master Robert Newton, formerly registrar of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, and sealed with the seal of the commissariat of Lincoln, as by inspection of the same more plainly appeared.

In the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen : in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred and five, on the first day of the month of April, I Michael Tott, hole of mind and of sound memory, make my testament in this manner : First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, Blessed Mary and all the saints, and my body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Helen of Marum. Also I bequeath in the name of my mortuary that which is right. Also I bequeath to the fabric of the cathedral church of Lincoln xij*d.* Also I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Marum aforesaid [*blank*]. Also I bequeath to the reparation of the aforesaid church viij*d.* Also to the bells viij*d.* Also I bequeath to Alice Est xx*d.* Also I bequeath to each of my kinsmen in the vill of Marum iiij*d.* Also I will that Richard Bride and his wife, my mother, shall have my capital house, in which they dwell, for the term of their life, with all and singular its appurtenances. Also I will that after the death of the said Richard and Mawd, his wife, my mother, the aforesaid house shall be sold by my executors or their assigns, and be disposed for a priest to celebrate for my soul and the souls of all my benefactors and for other works of charity. Also I will that my house in the east part of my aforesaid capital house, and my house in the north part of the aforesaid vill of Marum, with the meadows in Longwath Croft shall be sold by my executors, and that the money therefrom received shall be disposed as is aforesaid. The residue of all my goods I give to Sir Richard Barton, chaplain, and Richard Bryde aforesaid, whom I ordain, make and appoint my executors. These being witnesses, John Est ; Seth Tynsley ; and Robert [*blank*] ; with many others.

Proved before the commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, 15 April, 1505, in the parish church of Lankton. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS RAWSBY [OF HARMSTON].
[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 109. *Translated from the Latin.*]

The xxiij day of September in the year of the Lord M five hundred and five.[1] I Thomas Rawsby of Harmeston, of sound mind and good memory, make my testament in this manner: First, that is, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary and all the saints; and my body to be buried in the isle (*insula*) of the parish church of Harmeston, on the north side, if it can be done for iij*s.* iiij*d.*, otherwise in the churchyard. Also I bequeath in the name of my mortuary my best beast. To the fabric of the church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln ij*s.* I bequeath to the fabric of the church of All Saints of Harmeston vj*s.* viij*d.* Also I bequeath to every order of friars half a quarter of barley. I bequeath to the pupils and orphans of the house of the Saviour outside Lincoln half a quarter of malt. I bequeath to Agnes my wife all my rye (*sigulum*) with all my wheat which is in my father's barn. I bequeath to John and Robert my sons all the other grain in the aforesaid barn. Also I bequeath to John and Robert my sons iiij colts, each of one year. I bequeath to each of the v children (*puerorum*) xx*s.*, to be paid in money within the space of one year, and to each of the said children one heifer. Also I will that the elder of the said children shall have the choice of the aforesaid heifers. I bequeath to Agnes my wife my usual tenement of the tenure of the abbot of Thurgarton, with all its appurtenances and profits, for the space of iiij years; and after the term of iiij years, I give and bequeath it to Robert my son if he live; and if the said Robert my son die, then the said tenement with the appurtenances shall revert to Richard my son if he be alive; and if the said Richard be dead, then it shall revert to Thomas my son. Also I give and bequeath to John and Robert my sons my tenement now in the tenure of my father with all lands, meadows, feedings and pastures, of the tenure of the house of St. Catherine, as the tenement is occupied by the aforesaid John and Robert, for the space of iiij years jointly and severally; and after the term of iiij years, I will that the said John shall have the tenement with all the lands, meadows, feedings and pastures of the tenure of the house of St. Catherine, for his own proper tenement to him and his assigns. Also I bequeath to each of the children raised by me from the font one ewe sheep. Also I will that all my rayment shall be divided between my male children. Also I bequeath to my father one quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to my wife's father one quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to John my servant one ewe sheep. Also

[1] There is an unusally long interval between the date of this will and the probate. Sir William Johnson who appears as a supervisor and witness was instituted to the vicarage of Harmston 6 March, 1488-9 (*Reg.* xxii, f. 141*d.*), and his successor was instituted, upon the vacancy caused by his death, 8 February, 1528-9 (*Reg.* xxvii, f. 44).

I bequeath to Alice my servant ij ewe sheep. Also if all my male children shall die, then I will that the said tenement of Thurgartun shall revert to the daughters on the aforesaid condition, that if all my daughters shall die, then I will that the tenement shall be sold and the moneys from it [*folio* 109*d.*] be disposed for the health of my soul and my parents' souls. And if the prior of Thurgarton is willing to buy the tenement I will that he have it xiij*s.* iiij*d.* under the value to others. Moreover, the residue of all my goods I give and bequeath to Agnes my wife, whom I ordain, make and appoint my faithful executrix, in order that she, with the supervision of Sir William Johnson of Harmeston and William Barker of Ledenham, may dispose them for the health of my soul as to her shall seem most expedient. And I will that each of the aforesaid supervisors shall have for their labours vj*s.* viij*d.* This present testament was made on the day and year and at place above-written, these being witnesses, Sir William Johnson, clerk; Richard Pynder; Robert Lokkyng; Robert Warde; and John Ketton; with many others.

Proved before P., 13 September, 1533.

Copy of the testament of Mauncer Marmyon of Ryngesdon, in the county of Lincoln, esquire.

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 40.]

THE TESTAMENT OF MANCER MARMYON.

In the name of the holy and indivisible trinite, the fader, the sonne and the holy goste, Amen: the viijth day off the monethe of November, in the yere of our Lorde God M[1]Dv: I Mauncer Marmyon of Ryngisdon in the countie of Lincoln, Esquier, beyng sounde of mynde and of hole memory, make and ordeyne my testament and last will in thys maner: In the fyrste, I gyff and bequethe my soule to allmyghty God, to blessyd Mary, hys moder, and to all the saynctes of the celestiall courte; my body to be buryed in the parysche churche of Repyngall, dedicate in the honor of St. Andrew thappostell. Also I bequeth for my mortuary my best beaste. I bequeth to the reparacion of the moder churche of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* to be put in to the Red arke. I bequethe to the high altare in the parysche churche of Repyngall for tithynges forgotten or necligently tithyd x*s.* I bequeth to every house of the iiij orders off frerys in Staumforde iij*s.* iiij*d.* for to syng especiall dirige and messe for my soule, my frendes soulys and for all xp'en soulys. I will that ther be an honeste preste founde by the space of vij yere by the supervision and discrescion of my bestbelovyd and trusty wyff Edithe. I will that my doughtter Katheryne and my doughtter Parnell have awder of them xl*l.* to theyr mariage, provydyd alway that they be maryed and rulyd after the discrescion, rule and ordenaunce of my singuler belovyd wyff Edithe and, aftyr her decesse, aftyr the rule of myn executors. And yff they will not so do, that then thys bequeste of xl*l.* be utterly voyd and of none effecte. I will and orden that my faythfull and hertely belovyd wyffe Edithe have all

my landes and tenementes with theyr appurtenaunces in Lincoln Shyre, whiche are to the yerely valure of xl*l.*, for terme of her lyff, whiche I have gyffyn her by a estate in tale, as apperyth by a dede theroff mayd. I will that my sayd hertely belovyd wyffe Edithe have my terme of John Grene landes in Ringesdon, accordyng to a leese mayd theroff ; and that sche at the ende of the sayd terme delyver or cause to be delyveryd to the sayd John [*folio* 40*d.*] Grene or to hys heyres an obligacion whiche he is bounde to me in, and that he or they have it accordyng to right and conscience. I bequethe to the reparacions of the chapell of our lady at Ringesdon v marc' in dischargeyng of myne auncessors soulys. I gyff and bequethe to the reparacions of St. Anne chapell at Repyngall, where myne auncessors and I wer wonte to syt and her divine service, x*s.* The resydue of all my goodes aboven not bequethyd I gyff and graunt to the forsayd Edithe my wyff. And moreover I make and ordeyn the same Edithe and Sir Henry Willughby, knyght, executors of thys my present testament and last will, that they in that behalff may ordeyn and dispose as theym shall seme moste expedyent for the wele of my soule. Thes beryng wytnes, Sir Thomas Jekson, parson of too partes of the churche of Repyngall, my gostly fader ; John Marmyon, gentilman ; Richerde Everode ; and mony other. Yeven the day and yere of our Lorde God abovesayd.

Proved before William archbishop of Canterbury, legate of the apostolic see, at Lamehith, 10 February, 1505, the said Mancer Marmyon having possessed goods in divers dioceses. Admin. granted to the executors in the person of Hugh Emlyne, their proctor, etc.

Proved before William bishop of Lincoln, at the Old Temple, London, 31 July, 1511. Admin. granted to Edith Marmyon, the relict, an executor named in the will, reserving power to grant to the other executor when he shall come.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDMUND BEDALE [OF HACKTHORN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 30*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the name of God, Amen. The iijrd day of the month of April, in the year of the Lord one thousand five hundred and seven. I Edmund Bedale of Hackthorne, hole of mind and of good memory, make my testament in this manner : First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary and all the saints ; and my body to be buried in the churchyard of Hackthorne. I bequeath for my mortuary my best beast. Also I bequeath to the high altar of the same church for forgotten tithes xij*d.* Also I bequeath to the cathedral church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln one rosary of twelve (*unum par precularum de duodecem*) and ij*s.* Also to the church of Hackthorne vj*s.* viij*d.* for the buying of one pix for the sacrament. Also I bequeath to the church of Welton one quarter of barley. Also I bequeath to each child (*puero*) of my god children ij*d.* Also I bequeath to the iiij orders of friars within the city of Lincoln xij*d.* each. Also I bequeath to the work (*opus*) of the church of Dunham

xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the church of Sprydlington xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the church of Knethe xij*d*. Also I give and bequeath my house in Hackthorne with all its appurtenances, after the decease of Alice my wife, to Edmund Bedall, my son, under this condition, that then the said Edmund shall give at fitting days to Robert Bedale, my son, v marks, and to Margaret my daughter xxvj*s*. viij*d*., and to Agnes my daughter xxvj*s*. viij*d*., and to Alice my daughter xxvj*s*. viij*d*. And the residue of my goods I give and bequeath to Alice my wife and Sir William Dighton, whom I ordain and make my faithfull executors, to dispose for the health of my soul, as to them shall seem most expedient, by the supervision of Robert Dighton of Welton, gentleman, to whom I give vj*s*. viij*d*. for his labour. Dated under my seal the day and year above-mentioned. These being witnesses, Sir John Bradley, vicar there; Ralph Beysby; William Lamynge; Thomas Stevenson; John Syrr; and others.

Proved before William Smythe, LL.B., archdeacon of Stow, in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 30 April, 1507. Admin. granted to Alice Bedalle, an executor, Sir William Dighton, renouncing, etc.

[THE TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER AGNESON, RECTOR OF MUSTON, CO. LEICESTER.]

[L.C.C., 1566 etc., *f*. 136. *Translated from the Latin.*]

In the name of God, Amen; on the eighth day of June, in the year of the Lord one thousand D xiij; I Alexander Agneson, rector of the parish church of Muston in the county of Leicester, of sound mind and good memory, make my testament in this manner: First I bequeath (*ledo*) my soul to Almighty God, blessed Mary and all His saints, and my body to be buried in the choir of the church of saint John the Baptist of Muston. Also I bequeath in the name of my mortuary my best horse. Also I bequeath xx*s*. for the reparation of the ornaments about the high altar. Also I bequeath to the light of the blessed Mary xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the church of Hornecastill xij*d*.; to the fraternity of St. Katherine there xij*d*.; also to the light of the blessed Mary in the choir xij*d*. I bequeath to the church of saint John the Baptist of High Tynton xij*d*. Also I bequeath to the church of saint Peter of Stikeswold iij*s*. iiij*d*. Also I bequeath to the monastery of the blessed Mary of Stikeswold xl*s*. or that which is most necessary. Also I bequeath to the prioress there x*s*.; and to the subprioress x*s*.; and to every other nun there iij*s*. iiij*d*. Also I bequeath to each of my children raised in baptism iiij*d*. Also I bequeath x*s*. to be distributed amongst the servants of the abbey and the poor of the town of Stikeswold. Also I bequeath xx*l*. to be disposed for one priest to celebrate divine service for the health of my soul and the souls of my father and mother and ancestors (*parentum*). Also I bequeath xx*s*. to be distributed amongst the friars of the vills of Boston and Lincoln, that is, to each house v*s*. Also I bequeath x*l*. to be distributed amongst the poor in the church on the day of my burial and on the other days. And I

bequeath to every one of the children as well male as female of Stephen Dalby xij*d*. And to each of the servants of the same house . . . .[1] Also I bequeath xx*s*. to be distributed among the poor of Muston. Also I bequeath to Cristina Whynke xx*s*. and one brass pot (*ollam*), one brass dish and six platters (*perapsides*) [and[1]] my best robe (*togam*). Also I bequeath to Agnes Whynke, her sister, xx*s*., and one brass pot, one brass dish and six platters of 'pewdre.' Also I bequeath to Robert Fox, my kinsman, of Tofte, one black mare which is in Honyngton; and to [*blank*] Maldeson, my kinsman, in Stepynge, another mare in Honyngton. Also I bequeath to Dame Elisabeth Pulvertofte, subprioress of Stikeswold, the charge (*gubernacionem*) of ten silver spoons for the term of her life and, after her decease, that she shall dispose those spoons amongst my friends of the aforesaid abbey according to her discretion, and the other utensils which are now in her charge and belonging to me, according to the counsel of my executors. Also I bequeath to Alex' Mennynge chaplain one book called *Sermones Discipuli* and *Distructorium Viciorum*. Also I bequeath to Alex' Stykney, chaplain, *Sermones Parati* and *xiij*cem *Sermones* and *Gesta Romanorum*. Also I bequeath xx*s*. for one chesabell for the altar of saint John the Baptist for the abbey of Stikeswold; and I will that my house in Edlyngton shall be sold, and the money therefrom received shall be disposed for the gild of St. Katherine of Horncastill. Also I will that my house in Hornecastill shall be distributed according to the discretion of my executors to the abbey of Stikeswold for my obit and the obit of my friends yearly on our anniversaries, amongst the nuns of the same. The residue of all my goods not above bequeathed, I give and bequeath to Alex' Mannynge, chaplain, Alex' Stikeney, chaplain, and John Bulloke of Hornecastill, 'drapar,' whom I make and ordain my executors, that they may dispose as seems to them best for the health of my soul. These being witnesses, Nicholas Nelson, chaplain; Alex' Mannynge, chaplain; Alex' Stikney, chaplain; and John Bulloke; and many others.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER KYLKE, 3 April, 1519.[2]

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 211. *Collated with another copy at f.* 220, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

3[3] April, 11[4] Henry VIII, I, Christofer Kylke, beyng in goode helthe and hoole off mynde, makithe this my last will. First I bequeithe my soule to gode, and my body to be buried wher it shall pleise god. To the cathedrall churche off Lincoln vj*s*. viij*d*. To our lady churche off Barnaby xx*s*. I will that all my landes and tenementes, rentes, reversions and service wiche is in [my[5]] dede off

[1] There is a hole in the document.
[2] *A* omits this title.
[3] *A* has '4'.
[4] The 11th year of Henry VIII would be A.D. 1520.
[5] Added by *A*.

feoffment, beryng the date off kyng Henric' the viijth the viij yer, to the use off the performance off this my last will, as the forsaid dede playnly doithe express. I will that all the feoffes within the seid dede shall stand still seiassed for the space and terme off xviij yerss affter my decesse to the use off my wiffe and hyr assigners. And affter the seid xviij yers be fully compleit, I will that all the forseid feoffees within the said dede named shall stand still seiasede to the use off my son Christofer Kylke, his heres and hys assigners, off all the forseid landes, tenementes, renttes, etc., except oonly my capitall meiss off Grete Kylke with all demandes belongyng unto the mes, and demeynes off Gret Kylke belongyng therto, accordyng as Will'm Hobson lait tenend off the same ferme holde occupyed, and all my fre farme goyng owt off the mylnes off Grett Kelke. For the wiche capitall mes and fre ferme I will the forseid feoffes shall stand styll seiseid to the use off my son Fraunces and his assigners duryng his liffe naturall. And affter his decess, to the use off my son Christofer and to the right heires off hyme. And iff it happen my wiffe to bere any mo children off my body laufully begoton, I will that iff it happen my son Xp'ofer and my son Fraunces to dye withowt eissewe, all the forseid feoffes shall stand styll seaseid off all the forseid landes, tenementes and reversions to the use off the last chylde, man or whoman, bytwixt my wiff and me laufully begoton. And iff it happen all my forseid children to dye withowt issewe, I will that all the forseid ffeoffes shall stand still seased off all the forseid landes, tenementes, renttes, etc., to the use off my wiffe for the terme off hir life; and affter hyr decess, to the use off the right heires off me [*folio* 211*d.*]. I bequeithe all my other goodes, moveable and unmoveable, and my fermeheldes takon to me and myne assigners for yers, to my wife; and she to dispose theiyme for the heilthe off my saule as it shall pleise hyr. Also I will that iff it happene my wife to have an other chylde by me, man or whoman, that she shall giffe to it c marke off lawfull money off Englond when it commethe to lawfull age off discrecion. And iff it happen hyr to have no mo chylder with me, or iff it happen the seid chylde to dye (as God forbede), I wille she shall giff my son Fraunces the seid c markes, and further I will that my wiff shall giffe Christofer my son xl*l.* owt off my moveable goodes when he commes to lawfull age, except she bye hys wardeship so that he maye have the profett off it hym selffe. Also I will that my wiffe shall fynde my forseid children lyke gentillmen unto they comme to lawfull age off xxj yers at hyr awne propre costes, no dutys before reherseid to theym rekend. Also I will my wiffe shall be sole executrice; and maister Will'm Turwit to be supervisor, and for hys labor and peane I bequethe to hym xl*s.* And to maister Robert Tirwit my soret geldyng.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN NEYFF [OF CLEE].
[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 158*d.*]

4 July, 1520. I John Neyff of Cle. To be buryd in the churche

of our savior in Cle. To our ladys warkes of Lincoln, the high altare of Netylton, the high altare of Walesby, the high altare of Cle. To every one of my chylder xl*s*., that is for to say, fyrste to Hugh my sun xl*s*.; to William Kyrkby, my wyff sonne, xl*s*.; to Agnes Neyff xl*s*.; to Elizabeth Kyrkby xl*s*.; to Elizabeth Abbot xl*s*. To John my brother one gowne and one dooblyt; and to every one of my godchyldren iiij*d*. I will that William my sun and Margaret my wyff be my hole executors, etc., and dispose for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnesses, John Abbot; Richerde Robynson; Robert Redhed; and William Neyff.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 4 July, 1533.

[WILLIAM STAMPE OF BRATTLEBY].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f*. 31.]

8 January, 1520. I William Stampe of Brattilbye, holl of mynd and will, maks my testament in this maner: Fyrst I gyff my soule to almyghtie God, to our lady saynt Marye, to saynt Cuthberd and to all the sayntes in heven. To be buryed within the churche of saynte Cuthberd. I gyff my beste beyste to be my mortuarye after the maner. To the hey alter of Brattilby viij*d*. To our lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the hey alter of Braughton viij*d*. To the churche of Brattilby vj*s*. viij*d*. To iiij orders of freers of Lincoln every one singlerly by them selff a stryke of barlye. I bequeth all the copys of my howses to my sonnes, that ys to say, to Will' Stampe, John, George and Robert. Also yt ys my wyll that yff eny off my chyldren aforenamyd dye or they have mayd ther fyne in the kynges courte, that all the holle copys remayn to thos that lyves, yf ther lyve butt one. And all the resedewe of my goodes nott wytt I gyff to my sonnes Will', John, George and Robert, and them I make my executours. Also I make [*folio* 31*d*.] my brother, sir Thomas Stampe, and my sonne, sir Thomas, supervysores. In wytnes hereof, sir Thomas Stampe, curat'; Will' Rede; Thomas Kyrman; Walter Symon; Robert Smythe.

Proved before Master John Smythe, bachelor in decrees, commissary of Master Simon Grene *alias* Foderby official of Lincoln and guardian of the spiritualities, the episcopal see being vacant, at Lincoln, 1 March, 1520. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GRAY [OF BOOTHBY IN THE PARISH OF WELTON IN THE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f*. 231*d*.]

14 February, 1521. I William Gray of Botheby in the paryshe of Welton. To be buryd in the churche yerde of st. Martyn in Welton. And the best thyng that I have to be my mortuary. I wit to our lady of Lincoln vj*d*. I wit to our lady warke vj*d*. To st. Martyn of Welton xij*d*. To st. Nicholes altare iiij*d*. I wyt to our lady altare iiij*d*. To Johanne my wyff. I witte to William my sun a amblyng shedder fole. To Margaret my doughter. To John

my sun. The resydue of my goodes I wyt to Johan my wyffe that she shall dispose for the welthe of my soule. I will sir Henry Chapman be the supervisor. Thes wytnes, sir Peter Rawe; sir Henry Chapman; John Penson; Robert Wylson; John Johnson; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 4 February, 1533.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD DARBY [OF HONINGTON].
[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 84*d.*]

21 October, 1522. I Edwarde Darby. To be buryed in the churche of St. Wylfryde of Honyngton. To our lady warke of Lincoln, xij*d.* To the high altare of Honyngton, vj*d.* I bequethe to be delte for the welthe of my soule at my buryall v*l.* To my brother, Evererde Darby, my take of my yeres of Bukmynster and Sesterne, with the too pesse rekes ther stondyng to pay hys rent afore hande. To my brother, Edwarde Veyllers, my take of my yeres of the grange of Honnyngton frely with owt ony penny payng therfore. To the vicare of Honnyngton ij*s.* To Elizabeth Herelldyen iij*s.* iiij*d.* I constitute and orden my brother, Libeus Darby, and my brother Euererde to be myn executors, and they to dispose the resydue of my goodes, etc. They beryng wytnes, Alexander Mannyng, clerke; and Robert Beyuercotes; and Robert Brensby.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 11 December, 1532, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN [*sic*] BROWNE OF FILLINGHAM.[1]
[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 212. *Collated with another copy at f.* 221.]

28 December, 1522. I Robert [*sic*] Browne off Fyllingham, off goode mynde and memory makes my will, etc. My body to be buryed in the chirche yerd off Fyllingham, with my lawefull mortuary. I wit to the hye alter off Fillingham, owr lady warke off Lynkoln, sanct Hug' hed at Lincoln. To fynd a light afore the rode at Fyllyngham v*s.* To Agnes my sister. To every ordyr off the freres off Lincoln. To the kyrk warke off Fyllingham. I will ther be a trentall off misses done for me and my goode frendes at Fyllingham. I wit to John Yan', Richard Pykwell, Will'm Deye. It is my will that Elyn my wiffe hafe my lifelode unto my eldist childe [*folio* 212*d.*] be at lawfull age, and then my seid child to enter; and for fawt off that on, to remayne to the other. It is my will that my wiffe and my children be myn executors; and John Yan my supervisor. Thes being witnesses, Syr Oliver Lamme, curat'; John Yan; and Richard Pikwell; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR ROBERT JENKYNSON [OF HECKINGTON, PRIEST].
[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 166.]

6 March, 1522. I Sir Robert Jenkynson, preste. To be buryd

[1] The second copy omits this title.

in the high quere of the paryshe churche of Hekyngton, and to my mortuary as the lawe requiryth. To our lady of Lincoln ij*s*. To the Trinitie Gylde of Sleforde xij*d*. To the churche of Hekyngton iiij kye to kepe my anniversary with my fader and moder, William Curwyn and Margaret; in oblacions v*d*.; to the vicare or hys depute viij*d*.; to the chauntry preste of Hekyngton and of Hale, ether of them iiij*d*.; to the deacon, clerke and belman every one of them ij*d*.; to my chyldren iiij*d*.; in wax iiij*d*.; to the bellys vj*d*. I will that thes iiij kye be lettyn by the churchwardens to the moste proffyt of the churche; and the resydue (thys above disposyd) to the reparacions of the churche, and the churchwardens for ther labors either of them iiij*d*. I will to a honest preste to pray for my soule and all crysten soulys in Hekyngton churche for ij yere x*l*. in money. To Jenet Mowll one qwye; and aftyr the dethe of her mother, my best cownter, a basyn and a laver and a brasse potte with a long spyt. To John Jenkynson. To Alyson Myles. To iiij pore men that beryth me to the churche, every one of them iiij*d*. I will that every preste that is present att my buryall, sevent day, and xxxty day have vj*d*., and clerkes ij*d*. I will that xiij*s*. iiij*d*. be disposyd emonges pore people at Hekyngton, and vj*s*. viij*d*. at Burton. To Richerde Jenkynson my house at Lyttyll Hale, with the appurtenances to it belongyng, and hys heyres aftyr hym. And yff he or hys heyres dye withowt issue, then it to be solde by the churchwardens of Hekyngton, and disposyd for my soule and all xp'en soulys. To William Jenkynson, my brother, iiij*l*. in money. The resydue of my goodes not bequest, my dettes payd, my will fulfyllyd, I put to the disposicion of my brother, Richerd Jenkynson, whome I make my full executor, to dispose to the plesure of God and the helthe of my soule as he thynkes best. Wytnes heroff, Mr George Eton; John Fox; John Phylip; William Deanys; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Hekyngton, 29 May, 1533.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COD [OF HEMSWELL].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 211*d*. *Collated with another copy at f.* 220*d*.]

20 March, 1522. I John Cod off the paroche off Hemsvelle, off wolle mynd and memory, makythe my testament and last will. [*folio* 212] My body to be buried within the paroche chirche off Hemswell. I bequethe my best beist accordyng to the lawe and custome for my mortuary. To the hye alter off the chirche off Hemswell. To the iiij orders off frerys at Lincoln xvj*d*. To the pareche chyrche off Hemsvele vj*s*. viij*d*. To every on off my god chyldren iiij*d*. To Agnes Cod my wiffe my house within Hemswell, and the land therto belongynge for the terme off xxix yers, for that intent my chyldern be well and honestly browt wp; and then I will my dawtres Johan and Jone inhered my house and landes as it lithe in the towne and fylde off Hemswel. I will that my fathers mynd be fullfyld as hys will auterithe. All other my goodes I beqwethe to my wiffe and my chyldren, and make theym myn executors. Witnes heroff, Sir

Xp'ofer Atkynson, curat'; John Blakbourn; and Nicholas Richardson; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN RAYNTON [OF MIDDLE RASEN TUPHOLME].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 147*d.*]

21 May, 1523. I Jenet Raynton of Middelrasyn Tupholm, makes my will, etc. To be buryed in the said kyrke of Rasyn. To the hygh awter of Bracebrig xij*d.* To the high awter of Middelrasyn xij*d.* To the belles of the same kyrke xij*d.* To our lady werke of Lincoln xij*d.* I wil to my doughter, Richard Smyth wif, my best gowne and my best kyrtill. To my son Robert, and to Hamond his son, and to the said Robert wif. To my doughter Margaret Walys my best gyrdill and my best beades. To William Walys I will ij silver spones. To Jenet Walys ij silver spones. To William Raynton, my son, vj silver spones. I will have iiij trentalles to be done for my husband soule and my soule and it may be bourne of my goodes. The residue of my goodes I give to William my sonne, whiche I make myn executour. Witnes herof, Sir Peter Thomson; John Osgodby; John Tippyng; John Walker; with other more.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 26 May, 1533.

[THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SYMONDE, OF HACKTHORN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 221. *Translated from the Latin.*]

17 June, 1523. I Richard Symonde of Hakthorn, seeing the peril of death, etc. To be buried in the churchyard of St. Michael the Archangel of Hackthorn. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary my best beast. To the high altar of Hackthorn for forgotten tithes iiij*d.* To the work (*opus*) of the blessed Mary of Lincoln iiij*d.* To St. Hugh's head iiij*d.* To the church of Hackthorn for le mandy one quarter of barley. To my son Thomas one bovate of land sown in the fields, etc. To Alice my daughter. To the iiij orders of friars of Lincoln. To the church of Spridlington one bushel of barley. The residue of my goods to Elizabeth my wife, whom I make my executrix. I ordain my brother John to be supervisor. These being witnesses, Sir John Bradley, vicar there; Thomas Stevynson; and Robert Stampe; with others.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT STAVELEY [OF GAINSBOROUGH].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 212*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 223*d.*]

22 February, 1523. I Robert Staveley off Gaynesburgh, holle off mynd and seke off body, makyth my testament, etc. My body to be buryed in the churche off All Halloys in Gaynesburgh nye unto the Trinity alter. I bequeth in the name off my mortuary my best goode affter the maner off the cuntre. To the hye alter off Gaynes-

burgh for forgoton tythes and offeringes xij*d*. To the sepulcre light xij*d*. To the Trinity light xij*d*. To owr lady warke off Lincoln xij*d*. To the chyrche warke off Gaynesborgh xiij*s*. iiij*d*. To the house off Heynynges iij*s*. iiij*d*. To every house off the freres off Lincoln xij*d*. It is my will that a preest shall syng for me by the space off an yer, and to hafe for hys wage v*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. To Joan my dawt' ij houses set in Pottergate, and to hyr heires off hyr body. And iff she dye without heires off hyr body, as God forbede, then I will that they shall remayne unto Roger Stavely, my son, and to his heires off his body. It is my will that Alice my wiffe shall haufe yerly hyr liff payde owt off my landes xx*s*. for hyr thurd parte off my landes. I will that the forseid Alice my wiffe shall haufe the thurd parte off my goodes. To Joan my dawter, a fethurbed, a chist and a maser; provyded allwey that Roger my son shall haufe all myn other landes in Gaynesburghe, Burton and all other places, to hym and to hys heires off his body. And iff he dye [with oute heires of his body[1]], (as God forbede), then it shall be lefull and is my will that a preest shall be mortest therein (iff the kynges law will suffer it); and iff it will not suffer it, then it is my [*folio* 213] will that it shall be sold, and the mony putt in a stok; and a preest to syng for me and my goode frendes so long as the mony will last. Moreovere I will that Miles Staveley shall be the supervisor off this my last will. The residue off my goodes I giffe to Roger my son and Alice my wiffe, whom I make my executores, that they may dispose for the helthe off my saule as they shall thynke best. Thes beyng witnesses, Syr Henric' Barton, curat'; Morrys Morgon; Robert Richardson; and William Staveley; with many mo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD NELETHORP [OF HONINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 197*d*.]

10 March, 1523. I Richerde Nelethorp of Honyngton. To be buryd in the churche yerde of St. Wylfryde of Honyngton, with [*folio* 198] my mortuary that the lawe requyrys. To the high altare of Honyngton churche iiij*d*. To our ladys warke in Lincoln iiij*d*. To Edwarde my sun a red cappe with a bruche, a freys cote, one brasse potte, a coffer, vj puter dyshes, etc. And yff it fortune him for to decesse, then I will that Agnes my wyff have the halffe on Edwardes parte, and my fader the other halffe parte. To Xp'ofer Nelethorp, my fader, my chamlet dooblyt, one bullok, one calve that I bought of Mr Edwarde Darby. To my curate xij*d*. to pray for me. To Elizabeth Grym, my servant, one yerde of fembull. The resydue of my goodes I bequethe to Agnes my wyffe and to Xp'ofer Nelethorp, whome I make myn executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they thynk moste expedyent. Thes beyng wytnes, sir

[1] Added in the second copy of the will.

Alexander Mannyng; Robert Bevercotes; Xp'ofer Nelethorp; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 20 October, 1533.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALEXANDER SPURR [OF KETTLETHORPE].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 213*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 224*d.*, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

10 May, 1524. I Alexander Spurr off Ketilthorp beyng off hoole mynde and goode memory, laude and prece be to my maker, make orden and declare this my present testament herin contenyng my last will in maner and forme foloyng: First and principally I giffe and bequethe my saule unto allmighty God my savyour, maker and redemer, and to hys most gloriose moder, owr blessed lady sanct Mary the virgyn, and to the sanctes in hevene. And my body to be buriede in the chyrche off Sanct Petre and Paule off Ketilthorp by my wiffe, [wherof I am parochiner[1]]. I bequethe for my course presant my best beest. To the hye alter off the forseid Petre and Paule iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Thomas myn eldist son all my landes and tenementes sett and beyng in Northamtonshyre[2] and Yorkeshyre, except vij nobles goyng owt off Muscovottes, wiche I will that William and Stehane my sonnes shall haffe bytwixt theym, and to the theyr [*sic*] heres off theyr bodys lawfully begoton; and for lake off suche heires, to returne unto the forseid Thomas and to his heires. To Stehan my forseid son xxti markes. To Umfrey my son x*l.* To Alexander my yongist son xij*l.*, and all my copy lande in Laghterton unto suche tyme that he be preest; and than to remayne unto my forseid son Stephane and to his heires off his body. To Will'm Swannok, my servand. To Robert Gold. To Elizabethe my mayde. To Elizabeth Stawe, my mayd. To Genyt Chambr'. To Godfrey Heywod, my servand. To every on off my god childer iiij*d.* To the chylder off Thomas Gabitos, the childer off Elizabeth Standiche, my sons Thomas two childern, William Spurres son, and the chylder of Henric'[3] Collett to every off theym a newe and a lamme. To my dawters chyld that Hug[4] off Stowe hathe mared. To the chirche off Sanct Peter and Paule off Kethelthorp xx*s.*, and vj*s.* viij*d.* for my burying in the chirche. To Margaret Witwell, my cosyn, xx*s.*, etc. To John Witwell vj*s.* viij*d.* to be in hys mothers keping unto he be able to rule it. To the brigges off Lawterton iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the hye alter off Cliffton xij*d.* To owre lady off Lincoln xx*d.* To the iiij ordyres off freres in Lincoln, to every house haffe a quarter barlye. My sons, Thomas, [*folio* 214] William, Stephan and Umfray to be myn executores. I will that Thomas Paull off Brampton be the supervisore off my will. The residue off all my goodes, catell, dettes and all other thinges not bequethed, affter the dettes

[1] Added by *A.*
[2] 'Nothynghamshire' in *A.*
[3] 'Harry' in *A.*
[4] 'Hugh' in *A.*

whiche off right awth principally be payde, my buryng and ffunerall expenses wele and honestly doone, I give to myne executors; they therwith to do and to dispose affter theyr discrestion, and with parte theroff to remembre my soll and my wifes saule in dedes off mercy and charity, as bi theym shall be thowte most nedefull and meritorye. And I wtterly revoke and disanull all other willes by me herebefore made and spokon by me,[1] and will that this my seid testament take effect, and non other. Thes beyng witness, Thomas Paule, yoman, off Crowne[2]; Syr Thomas Warde, paroche preest off Ketilthorp; Will'm Rayne off the same; John Ranere; Bartholomewe Hare [of the same towne[3]]; with divers other. Wright the day and the yer a bove named.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MEDLEY, SENIOR, [OF HIGH BURNHAM].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 214. *Collated with another copy at f.* 219*d.* *Translated from the Latin.*]

7 June, 1524. I John Medley senior of Ouer Burnham in the parish of Haxey. My body to be buried before the cross in the churchyard of St. Nicholas of Haxey. To the fabric of the cathedral church of the blessed Mary of Lincoln vj*d*. For my mortuary my best beast. To the high altar of Haxey for forgotten tithes xij*d*. To Joan my daughter xl*s*. in money or in other goods. If she will be counselled by the counsel of her mother and her brothers then she shall have such a portion of all my goods as they shall have. The residue of my goods I give to Anne my wife, Nicholas, William, Robert and Jeffery, my sons, whom I make my executors, to order and dispose and divide between them; and each one of them shall have his portion when he shall come to his state of matrimony, as shall seem good to him. And I make John Medeley, my eldest son, supervisor. These being witnesses, James Vessy of the same, curate; Robert Browne; and Robert Hasyll; with others.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BENTLEY [OF TORKSEY].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 214*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 219, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

22 June, 1524. I Thomas Bentley off Torkesey, seke in body, and hoole off mynd, makethe my testament and my last will. My body to be buryd within the monestery off Sanct Leonardes afore the petyfull rode. Allso with my mortuary affter the custome off the cuntre. To the hie alter off the said monastery xx*d*. To the reparacion off the hye chore[4] off the forsaid monastery iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. under this condic'on, that iffe the forseid chore be repared within this yer foloying; iff no, I will that myn executores by suche

[1] For 'me' *A* has 'my moth'.
[2] *A* has 'the Crowne'.
[3] Added by *A*.
[4] 'qwer' in *A*.

ornamentes to the seid monastery as they thinke necessary to be doone. To the prior off the said monastery of Sanct Leonardes xs. To every preest within the forseid monastery a sylver spone; and to the noves vjs. viijd. To owr lady off Lincoln warke and reparaciones off the cathedrall chyrche vjs. viijd. To the iiij ordyrs off freers in Lincoln, to every preest iiijd.; to every noves ijd. To the monastery off Fosse xijd.; to every nonne within the seid monastery iiijd. To the monastery of Brodholme xxd.; to every nonne within that monastery iiijd; to every noves within the said houses ijd. To the hye alter off Saxilby xijd. To John[1] gilde off Saxilby iijs. iiijd. To the kyrk warke off sanct Marys off Torksey iijs. iiijd. To a preest to celebrat for my saule, my wiffes saul and for all christeinne saules by the space off on yer afore the petyfull rode off the seid monistery wher my body restes, iiijl. xiijs. iiijd. To Thomas Lilly, Agnes Parke, John Lilly, John Bentley, the childer of Elizabethe Preston, Elizabethe Baly, Elizabeth Alyman, John Steid[2] William Steide[2] and his wiffe, Alys Stede,[2] John Stede.[2] The resydue off my goodes I ordene and make my [wiff[3]] Jenyt Bentley, John Bentley, my son, and William Bentley, my brother son, my full executores for to [*folio* 215] dispose for the helthe off my soule. I will that John Lylly be supervisor. Thes beyng witnes, sir Richard Robynson, vicar; John Lylly; John Bentley off Brampton; and Thomas Byrd[4]; with mo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY CHAMBRES [OF HORNCASTLE].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 54*d.*]

20 February, 1524. I Henry Chambres off Horncastr', beyng of a hole mynde and perfyte remembraunce, preventyng by the grace of God the incerten stroke of dethe and the sodan knokkyng and flagicion of allmyghtty God, now beyng in good helthe, makyth my last will and mynde in thys maner of forme foloyng. Fyrst I bequeth my soule to God allmyghtty, to our lady St. Mary and to all the holy cumpeny of heven, and my body to be buryed in the church yerde of our lady off Horncastr' or ellys where it shall please God. And my beste to be my mortuary. To our lady of Lincoln iiijd. To the church warkes of our mother church of Lincoln iiijd. To the altare of our lady off Horncastr' for tithys forgottyn viijd. To our lady off the high quere iiijd. I bequeth a longsaddell to stand in the Revestry ther. To St. Loy xijd. To the holy rode in Jhesus quere iiijd. To St. Trynion light iiijd. To St. Savior ijd. To St. Anthony iiijd. To St. Laurence iiijd. To our lady of pety iiijd. To our lady off grace iiijd. To the bellys xijd. To Thomas Chambres, my sonne, xxs. in money or mony worthe. To a preste to syng for my

[1] *A* has 'Jhesus.'
[2] 'Steyde' in *A*.
[3] Added by *A*.
[4] *A* has 'Brydde.'

soule halff a yere [*folio* 55] l*s*. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Isabell Chambres, my wyff, and sir Roger, my sonne, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Robert Scrop of Horncastr'; Jamys Weste; and Oliver Lovell of the same; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Horncastel, 1 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR WILLIAM GRAVE, VICAR OF HAXEY.

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 213. *Collated with another copy at f.* 224.]

14 March, 1524. I syr William Grave, vicare off Haxey, hoole in body and goode remembraunce, makythe this my last will and testament in this forme foloyng: I first giff my saule to allmygthty God, to owr lady sanct Mary and to all the sanctes in hevene. My body to be bured in the quere off Sanct Nicholas in Haxey aforseid. I bequethe for my mortuary my best quyk goode. To the chirche off Haxey forseid xxvj*s*. viij*d*. To owr lady warke off Lincoln xij*d*. To George Grave, my brother, xx*s*. To Margert Cowpar xx*s*. To Sir James Vescy x*d*. To Sir Alexander Belwod viij*d*. To Sir John Tankarsley viij*d*. To every preest present at my buring iiij*d*. To John Grave off Lundon xiij*s*. iiij*d*. To Thomas Mawgham off Lundon xxvj*s*. viij*d*. To the wiffe off John Byrd.[1] The resydue off my goodes above not beqweid, I giff unto Will'm Mawgham, whom I make my full and wole executor; he to ordyr and dispose theym as he thynkth best for the helthe off my saule. And I make William Atkynson off Gaynesburge supervisor, and he to hafe for his labor xx*s*. [Written at Haxey the daie and yere above rehersed.[2]] Thes beyng witness, Syr James Vescy, curat'; Richard Kyrshawe off Haxey; Thomas Robynson; Will'm Padley; and Thomas Gibson; with other mo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM OUERAY [OF CONINGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 329.]

18 March, 1524. I William Overay of Connesby. To be buryd in the church of St. Michels tharchangell in the parysh of Connesby, or ellys wher it shall please almyghtty Jhesu; and that that the law will in the name of my mortuary. To our lady of Lincoln vj*d*. To every fraternite in Conesby iiij*d*. To the high alter ther for tythys forgottyn vj*d*. To Alice my wyff iij kye, a mere and a stagge. To the said Alice all such housholde stuffe that she had at the day of mariage betwene us. The resydue to John Oueray, my sone, whome I orden my executor. Thes men bearyng wytnes, John Fotherby; Thomas Oueray; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530, by the executor.

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[1] 'Bridde' in the second copy.
[2] Added in the second copy.

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES WASHYNGBOURGH [OF WYBERTON, MARINER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 334.]

3 April, 1525. I Jamys Whashyngburgh of Wyberton, maryner. To be buryd in St. Anne qwere within the parysh churche of Wyberton. To my mortuary accordyng to the custome of the towne. To our mother churche of Lincoln vj*d*. To the fatherles chyldren of St. Catheryns withowt the barrys of Lincoln ij*d*. To the altare in Wyberton churche for offerynges forgottyn iiij*d*. To our lady altare, St. Catheryne altare, and St. Anne altare in the same churche iiij*d*. each. To the reparacions of the bellys in the same churche vj*d*. To the reparacions of the sayd churche iiij*d*. To Jenet Whassyngburgh, my wyff, the mansyon that I dwell in the terme of her lyff, and I will that it remayn to Jenet Whassyngburgh, my doughter, and her heyres. And yff it fortune her to decease before her mother, havyng no chyldryn alyve, I will the mansion, aftyr her mother decease, be solde by her executors ; and of the money therof cumyng I will ther be kepte an obbyt for my soule, my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys within the qwere of St. Anne in Wyberton churche the space of vj yeres ; and the rest of the money I will it be disposyd uppon the reparacion and maynteynyng of the sayd qwere ; and the same to be done and fynyshyd by the sayd vj yeres ende. To the sayd Jenet my doughter a lyttyll golde ryng. I will the sayd Jenet at the day of her mariage, yff she fortune to lyff therto, shyfte equally with her mother all my housholde stuff as may [*folio* 334*d.*] appere by an inventory therof mayd. I make the sayd Jenet my wyff my executrix. Thes beyng whytnes, Sir Alen Askew, Sir Roger Bate, prestes ; John Bate ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 19 April, 1532.

[THE TESTAMENT OF DAME MARGARET SUTTON, VOWESS, OF BURTON BY LINCOLN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 228.]

1 October, 1525. I Dame Mergarett Sutton, vowas, with hoole mynde and remenbrance makith my last will and testament. First I giff my saule to all myghty God, to our blessed lady and to all saynctes ; my body to be buried in the paroch church of Cheriburton by Lincoln, in the hye qwer by my sonne Antony with my mortuary after the costom. I will ther be giffen that daie to preistes and clerkes that com to my buryall xl*s*., and peny doole to the poor peple that com that daie. I will ther be disposed to preistes and clerkes if thei com on my xxxti daie xl*s*., and to the poor peple that com peny doole. I will ther be disposed on my yer daie in the hoole iiij*l*. after the discretion of myn executours. I will have a secular preist continente after my decesse to syng oon yer in the church wher my bodie shall lye, saying iij daies in the weke placebo and dirige with ix lec' and commendation, and on daie in the weke a messe of requiem, takyng a speciall collect for my husband saule

and myn. And I will he have for his sallare or stipende vij marc', and bye hym brede and waxe with xx*d.* Also I will that he that is my chaplayn and preist the tyme of my departyng frome this worlde have it be for an other if he will. To the church of Chereburton towardes the bying of an new coope xx*s.*; and to the hye altar of the said church for tithes forgotton vj*s.* viij*d.* To our mother church warke of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* To sancte Androe church warke in Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* To the repaire of Saxilby church, Broxholm church and Rysom church xij*d.* apiece. To every place of the iiij orders of the Freres in Lincoln iij shepe, or elles for every on shepe xx*d.* To Freres observauntes in Newerk I giff iiij shepe, or elles xx*d.* for on, and so after the raate, to praye for my husbande saule and myn. To thabbott and covent of Kyrkestyd Abbay to do myn obett and praye for me xx*s.* To the prior and covent of Bullyngton Abbay vj*s.* viij*d.*; and to the nonnes and sistres in the same place xiij*s.* iiij*d.* to do me an obett and praye for me. To our lady gild in Bullington xij*d.* To sanct Anne gilde in Lincoln my best hood and my mantill. To Dame Mary my doghter, nonne in Bullington Abbay, xl*s.* To the church of Chereburton xiij*s.* iiij*d.* to the entent that on man of the most honeste and forwarde in the same towne have it to bye and sell with, and bring in the hoole stokke at the daie of the church rekkennyng, that wolde of his charyte fynde a light to burne afor the sacrament on the hye alter in the hye messe tyme upon the holydaie. To my sonne, Robert Sutton, ij giltyd sawltes with on cover, and all [*folio* 228*d.*] such parcelles of howseholde as apperith in a byll therupon playnly made, with an other byll of heyrelomes. And the other parte and parcelles of howseholde I giff to my doghter Jane and to my sonne Nicholas to be devided and partyde bytwix theym, as bedding and napere and such other as belongith to the buttre and kechyn. To my lady Powas a standing maser with a cover. To my doghter Vpton a golde ryng. To my sonne Hamond a giltyd bowlle and a cover marked of rowses. To my doghter Emlyn, my sonne Hamondes wiff, a gowne ffurred with graye, and vj swarme of beys. To my sonne, Sir John Sutton, knyght of the Roodes a bowll of silver dowble gilted with the cover therto. To my sonne Nicholas ij sawltes of silver and half a dosyn spones of silver. To my doghter Skeyrn x yows and a ring. To my doghter Barnaby xxti shepe olde and yong, and my best gowne. To my doghter Jane a pownched pece and the spones belonging to the buttre, iij kye, x lammes and an ambeling horse. To Henry Sutton, my sonne Robert eldest sonne, a silver bowlle with a cover parcell gilte, and a vise of golde for a gentill womans nek. To my sonne Hamond eldest sonne a sylver spone with a luce hed and gilted. To Thomas Grauntham, my doghtre Alice yong sonne, xxti yowes, and I will that they be delivered to his graunt dame, maistres Grauntham of Dunnham. To Sir John Husey doghter, that I cristened, a golde ryng with a ruby. I giff every on of sonnes and doghters childre that I have cristened x*s.* To the parson of Saint Paules in the Baile of Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* and a yong fylly. I will all my

husband dettes and myn that can be evidently proved be taken and paied of my hoole goodes. The residue of my goodes, as corne, catell, dettes and other, I putto the discrecion of Sir John Sutton, knyght, my doghtre Jane Sutton, my sonne Hamonde Sutton, and my sonne Nicholas Sutton, whom I make myn executours to receyve theym and dispose theym to the most pleasur of God and the wele of my saule. I giff every on of theym for their labour and attendaunce xl*s*. And I make supervisor of this my will for the performation thereof my sonne, Robert Sutton, esquier, to se it fullfilled as my faithfull trust is in hym. And I giff hym for his supervision and attendance and [*sic*] standing pece dowble gilte. With thies wittenes, Sir John Hudson, parson of Paules; Sir William Clerk, parson of Rysom; Sir John Richardeson, Sir Hugh Boket, preistes; and John Benyngworth; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD HERDE [OF BURTON BY LINCOLN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 215. *Collated with another copy at f.* 226*d.*, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

3[1] March, 1525. I Richarde Herde off the pariche off Burton besydes Lincoln. To be buryed in the chirche yarde off Burton aforseid. Also I bequethe to my mortuary as the costom requirethe. To the hye alter off Burton for forgotton tithe and offringes viij*d*. To owr lady light off Burton iiij*d*. To owr lady warke off Lincoln xij*d*. To sanct Huges light at Lincoln iiij*d*. To the churche off sanct John in Nuport iiij*d*. To the churche off Risom iiij*d*. To the chirche off Carlton iiij*d*. To every off the fore ordyrs off freers in Lincoln a stryke off barley. To John Hetryke off Brasebrig, Cicily Grene, and John Herde my brother. I bequethe my copy and tenement within Burton to Beatrice my wiffe enduryng hir liff; [remainder in succession] to my sons Robert and Vincent and the heres off their bodies; [remainder] to my son Thomas Herde and to his heres for evere. The residue off my goodes to Beatrice my wiffe and Robert my son, whom I make myn executors, for to dispose for the helthe off my soule as shall be thote by theym best, by the oversite off Mr. Nicholas Sutton. Thes beyng witness, Syr William Clerke, curat'; Sir William Daunc'[2], prest; John Herde; and William Chadwyk [of the same towne[3]]; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TOWELL [OF GLENTWORTH].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 215*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 225*d.*, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

24 March, 1525. I Richarde Towell off Glentworthe Thorpe.

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[1] '13' in *A*.

[2] 'Daniel' in *A*. William Dannyell was a chantry priest at Burton by Lincoln in 1526 (Salter, *A Subsidy*, p. 39).

[3] Added by *A*.

To be bured in the chirche yarde off sanct Michell off Glentworthe on the este syde off the porche there. Allso I bequethe for my mortuary my best beest as the maner and the costom ys. To the hye alter off Glentworthe for tithes forgoton xij*d.* To every ordyr off ffrerys in Lincoln iiij*d.* To William my son for his childes parte. To Peter, my son. To Jenet, Julyane and Margaret, my dawters. I will that the rest off my catell, horsses and shippe be equally devyded amongst the seid Peter my son, Jenett, Juliane and Margarete, my dawters, for theyr child partes by the discrecion off fore indifferent persons. I will that Julyane my wiffe affter my decess have all my messuages, toftes, crofftes, landes, tenementes, medowes, etc., within the fildes off Glentworthe and Glentworthe Thorpe for terme off hyr liffe, payng the kynges rent, and makyng no wast. And iff ther be ony off the seid landes that the seid Julyane list not to occupy, I will that my son William shall haufe theym duryng the liff off the seid Juliane. Also I will that affter the decess off the seid Juliane my wife, all my tofftes, crofftes, landes, medowes, etc., within the towne and feldes off Glentworthe a forseid, holdene off the stoke[1] off Kyrton, remayne to the forseid [*folio* 216] William and Petre, my sons, theyr heires and assignes for evere. Also I will that William my son, afftur the decess off Juliane my wiff, shall have to hym and to the heires off hys body oon messuage in Glentworthe Thorppe. Also I will that William my son affter my decess have all my messuages, tofftes, crofftes, landes, medowes, etc., with theire appurtenances within the towne and feldes off Saxilby and Harewyke in the countye off Lincoln, to be howldon to hym and to hys heires off hys body for evere ; also with on holme in Trent in the lordship off Torkesay ; remainder to Petre my sonne and to hys heires of his body ; remainder to me the seid Richarde Towell and to myn heires for evere. I will that Peter my son, hys heires and assignes, for evere, shall have my two tofftes bylded with appurtenance in Torkesey. Also I will that iff Peter sell them, the seid William to have theyme for v markes (iff he list to bye theym) ; and iff he be not disposed to by theym, then Peter to sell theym to any man at hys awne plesur. To the churche off Glentworthe a quart' off barley. To Vpton churche xij*d.* The residue off my goodes I giff to Juliane my wife to bring up my chylder with. I make William my son sole executor. [*folio* 216*d.*] Thes beyng witness, Syr Richard Catwell[2], curate off Glentworthe ; Roger Johnson off Gaynesborughe ; Thomas Tavell[2], the yonger, off Glentworth ; Thomas Eyerle[3] off the same ; Gilbard Patrike ; and other mo.

[*No probate act.*]

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[1] 'Soke' in *A*.

[2] 'Tathwell' in *A*. The name of Sir Richard Tathewell is given amongst the clergy of Fillingham in 1526 (Salter, *A Subsidy*. p. 35).

[3] 'Yrle' in *A*.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WARNAR [OF BUCKNALL].
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 396*d.*]

6 July, 1526. I John Warnar off Buknall. To be buryed in the qwere of St. Margaret in Buknall, with my mortuary as the lawe will. To the high altare off St. Margaret in Buknall. To our ladys warke [*folio* 397] off Lincoln. To the chyldren of St. Catheryne off Lincoln. To every house of the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln. I will xiij trentalles off messes be sayd for my soule and for the soules off my father and mother and all crysten soulys. I will one other trentall of messes be sayd in Buknall kyrke. To Jenet Dyxson. I will that Jenet my wyff have her feoffement of my landes as it apperyth in a dede mayd therapon. The resydue off my goodes to my sayd wyff, the whiche Jenet and Robert Bate I orden to be my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Mathew [*blank*], my curate; Sir Richerd Hastyng, preste; and Raynolde Idyll.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 14 August, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DEPYNG [OF GRANTHAM].
[L.C.C., 1535-7, *f.* 83.]

22 December, 1526. I John Depyng of Grantham. To be buryed in the churche yerde of St. Vulfran of Grantham. To the high altare of St. Vulfran viij*d.* To our Ladys warke of Lincoln vj*d.* I make Alice my wyff my executrix, and George Atkynson my supervisor. Thes wytnesses, Sir William Herberde; Thomas Hanson; John Grene; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 14 February, 1535.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT EVERSE [OF BELTON IN THE ISLE OF AXHOLME].
[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 216*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 227.]

1526. I Robert Everse off the paroche off Belton, makythe my testament and my last will in maner and forme foloyng: First I wit my soule to owr Lorde Jesu Christe, owre lady sanct Mary and to all the compeny [*folio* 217] off heven; ande my body to be bureide in the paroche churche off Belton. I wit my best goode to my mortuary, as the custome is. To the hye alter off Belton for my thythes and offringes forgoton iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the bells off Belton vj*s.* viij*d.* To owr lady off Lincoln xij*d.* To William Evers, myn unkull, on ambling stag. To Walter Castelforthe a stag. I wit to William Evers, myn uncle, to Walter Castilforth and to John Aschton my rayment at the discrestion off Elizabeth Evers my wiffe. I will that a preist syng for my saule, myn elders saules and all christon saules by the space off two yers in Belton churche. I wit to Raynold my servant hys wage at hys yers ende; and to all my servants theire wages and ij*s.* besyde theyr wages. I wit to John More a newe and a lamme. [To John Michell a newe and a lamme.[1]] I make Esabell Ewers my wiffe myne executrice.

[1] Added in the second copy.

Thys is my last will, that Esabell Evers, my wiff and executrice, hafe and receve the renttes off all my copy howldes, fre copye and bond, accordyng to the surrender made to William Evers, Alexandre Baynton, John Denby, and to Thomas Pye, unto that Robert my son be off age off xxj yers; and then the seid Robert Evers to entre and to fyne for the seid copy hould landes. I will that Isabell Evers my wiffe fyne for my copy hould landes, fre copye and bond copye, unto my son Robert Evers comme to the age off xxj yers. I will that my feoffers suffer myn executrice to have and to receve the renttes off my landes put in feoffers handes in Yorkeshyre to the fulfyllyng off my will, to the behouffe off my dawthters partes; and it to be putt in custody at the sight off Ralff Riresby, my father in lawe; and he to be supervisor. Also I will that Robert my son have nooe parte off my moveable goodes. I will that William my son hathe the lande that myn uncle William hathe affter hys decess. And my moder to make it worthe iij*l.*[1] by yer for terme off hys liff. [I will that my doghters have every oon of theym, whan they shall be maried and my son Robert Evers come to the age of xxj yeres, every on of theym xl markes at the daie of their mariage of my goodes moveable and rentes of my landes.[2]] The residue off my goodes I giff to Esabell Evers, my wiff, to fulfyll thys my last will. Thes beyng witness, Sir Ric' Harpham, curat'; Walter Castilforthe; William Evers; Thomas Pye; and John Denby; with other mooe.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS PAULE [OF BRAMPTON].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 216*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 227].

1526. I Thomas Paule off Brampton. To be buried within the chirche yerde off Sanct Peter off Torkesey. I bequethe for my mortuary my best horss and my harness. To sanct Petres chyrche off Torkesay my secunde coverlet. To the monastry off Sanct Leonardes off Torkesey a vestment and a chales, a crowne off sylvere and gilt and my best table clothe off damask warke. To John Clarke my servant a russett coet. To Jenet Tinker. To Jenit Jugson. The residue off my goode with my house and my landes in Brampton boundes unbequethed, I giff unto Mary my wiffe, whom I make my executrice to dispose for my saule as she shall think the best. Thes beyng witness, Syr John Raynoldson; Robert Horncliffe; Henric'[3] Storre; with other mooe.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ALBYNSON [OF KEAL COATES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 116.]

29 March, 1527. I William Albynson off Westerkele Cotes. To Thomas Albynson and William my sones when the go to mariage

[1] 'iiij*l.*' in the second copy.
[2] Added in the second copy.
[3] 'Hary' in the second copy.

xiij*s*. iiij*d*. apiece. To Margaret my doughter. To Margery my doughter when she gose to mariage xiij*s*. iiij*d*. To Alice, Cristian and Jenet my doughters. To the ryngers at my buryall viij*d*. To Robert Johnson a coteclothe, price a yerde xij*d*. To William Johnson a coteclothe price le yerde xij*d*. To Sir Robert Wryght. The resydue off my goodes to John Albynson, my sone, and to Sir Robert Wryght, my brother in law, whome I make my executors. Wytnes, Sir William Smyth; Sir John Burwell; Robert Kyngerby; Simond Grave; Robert Carter; and Thomas Appilby; with other moy.

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME.

Thys is the last will off me William Albynson, mayd the day and yere abovewrytten. I will that all the landes wich Agnes my wyff is feoffyd in affter hyr decease shall retorne to the ryght heyres off my body. I will that all my landes shall stande in feoffers handes, wich lye within the bowndes off Westerkele, Esterkele, Stykford and Sybsey, to the use heraffter specyfyed, that is to say, off a house, layth and garth wher William Beyle wonys to go to the use off Thomas my sone duryng hys lyff; remainder to the use off ryght heyres off my body. And off a close in Euynes and iij rygges in Euynes, to the use off William my sone duryng hys lyff, a pon a condicion that he will be rewlyd and orderyd be my executors or ther assignes; [remainder] to the use off the ryght heyres off my body; and yff William willnot be rewlyd and orderyd to he cum to laufull age, then the close and iij rygges to go to the use off the ryght heyres off my body. And off all the other landes not afore specyfyd I will [*folio* 116*d*.] my feoffers stand feoffed to the use of John my sone and hys heyres off hys body; [remainder] to the use off Thomas my sone and hys heyres off hys body; [remainder] to William my sone and hys heyres off hys body; [remainder] to be devydyd to the use off my doughters and ther heyrs off ther bodies; [remainder] to the next off my kynred and the heyres of ther bodies; [remainder] to be solde by my feoffers, and the mony to be devydyd in thre partes; on parte to be gyffyn to pore people off Westerkele, an other parte to the church warke off Westerkele, and the thyrde parte to the upholdyng off hy ways wyth in the sayd parysh of Westerkele. Thyse beyng wytnes, Sir William Smyth; Sir John Burwell; Robert Kyngerby; Simond Grave; Robert Carter; and Thomas Appilby; with many mooy.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 6 May, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. HELWYS [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 43.]

2 April, 1527. I John Helwys off the paryshe off Kyrton in Hollande makes my testament concludyng wyth my last wyll. To Robert Woodhus and Jone hys wyffe my house as it apperyth more playnly in a payr off indenturys mayd betwyx Wylliam Stevynson off Peterburgh and me the said John Helwys. I wyll the sayd

Robert and Jone ther heyrys or assygnes shall kepe or cause to be kepyd yerly in the church off Kyrton uppon sanct Vitalles day one obbyt by the space off lxxxiiij yerys. And ther to dyspose yerly at the sayd obbyt ij*s*. I will that they dispose or cause to be desposyd every Salmes day duryng the sayd yerys to the pore people vj*d*. in farthyng brede att the sayd house for my soule and all crysten saules. I will that the paynted cloth, the tabull, the longsettyll, and the chare with the forme, as they stand in the hall, do remane in the house the forsayd yerys as hayre lomys. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Robert Woodhus and Jone hys wyffe, whome I make my executors. And I make Robert Heland, the yonger, supervysor. Wyttnessythe, Sir Thomas Cheyne, scholemaster; Sir Thomas Asley; John Lowlles; wyth other.

Proved before P., 20 May, 1527, at Swyneshed. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. SHARPE [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 40.]

5 April, 1527. I John Sherpe off the parysh off sanct Guthlake off Tofft. To Elizabeth my wyff my house with on acre off pasture leyng by it the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] to Philip my sone to hym and hys heyres; [remainder] to William and hys heyres off hys body; and for defawlte off issue off my sayd sonnes, to remayn to those my chyldren that longest shall lyff, etc. To William my sone my parte off house lyeng in Amell bryg affter the maner and forme aforsayd. To Phylip a quarter off a howker bote yff he will occupye it; yff not, to be solde by myn executors, and the mony so takyn to be devydyd equaly betwyx Philip, William and Isabell, my chyldren. The resydue off my goodes to Elizabeth my wyff and my fader, Robert Sherpe, whome I make myne executors; [*folio* 40*d*.] and sir Robert Byryall to be supervysor. Thyes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Banester; John Busterd, the elder; and John Theker; wyth moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 May, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD VTTYNG [OF FRIESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 39*d*.]

5 April, 1527. I Richerd Vttyng off Freston. To be buryd in the churche yerde off sanct Jamys in Freston, and for my mortuary affter the custome off the towne. To our lady off Lincoln iij*d*. To the hygh alter for tythys [*folio* 40] forgotten iiij*d*., and to sanct Jamys ij*d*. To Isabell my wyff my house with the appurtenaunce the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] in fee simple to Thomas Vttyng, my sone. Resydue off my goodes to Isabell my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wyttnes, Sir Myghyll Kyghley; Thomas Vttyng; and John Hayton; wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 May, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. MEKYLBAROO [OF HUTTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 66.]

9 April, 1527. I William Mekylbaroo off Hotoft. To be buryd wher as it pleasys God; and that the law will to be my [*sic*]. [*folio* 66*d.*] To our Lady off Lincoln. To our lady warkes off Lincoln. To the hygh alter in Hotofft xij*d.* for tythys forgottyn. I will that my horse mylne be an harelome at my house in Anderby, and it may be sparyd. To my wyff and my chylder all my houshold stuffe; and yff she be maryd agane, then it to be devydyd bytwyx them by our parson. To Isabell Thorpe for hyr mother goodes xl*s.* To the church off Hotofft iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the church off Anderby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Sir John Fresmer and to Robert Swete xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, whome I make my executors to performe thys my last will, and also to pay my dettes, wych is to be resauyd off my landes in Anderby, Hotofft and Mumby to the valew off on hundreth marke as it doys appere be my will more playnly. Also I wyll that the rest off my hundreth marke nott gyffyn nor payd remane to my chylde fyrst cumyng to the age of xxj yeres. Thes wyttnesses, Sir William Williamson; John Sherpe; John Randall; wyth other moo.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 February, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT ALSON, [LATE OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 47.]

14 April, 1527. I Robert Alson, late off Gedney. To Agnes my wyff and Henry my sone my principall messuage with a certen tenement anexyd to the sayd messe, late Wardyd, and all my landes off Mr. Wenteforth fee, wyth the appurtenances, joyntly togeder the terme off my wyff lyff; [remainder] to Henry my sone to hys heyres and assignes. Yff it happen Henry my sone to dye before hys mother, and have no heyres off his body, then to [remain] to John my sone, hys heyres and assignes, except Henry my sones dowry. Also iiij acres and di' off Mr. Clement ffee in ij peces I will that my wyff and Henry my sone have it in lyke manner as the other lande. I will that John my sone have all my lande off Burlyon fee, with ij acre off Mr. [*folio* 47*d.*] Wentforth fee lieing together, to hys heyres and assignes, to entre immediatly aftyr my deceasse. To John my sone v mark payd be Henry my sone at the age of xx yeres. To Mawde my doughter v mark sterlyng when she come to the age of xx yeres. Yff other Henry or John my sonnes dye withowt heyres off ther bodies, the longer lyffer shall have all my forsayd messe, lande and tenement to hys heyres and assignes. To William my sone the rentes comyng to me from John Paternoster, Henry Callow and John Rowlett, as it apperyth be my dette boke. To William Alson, sone off William Alson, my sone. To every other

chylde off William Alson. The resydeue off my goodes to Agnes my wyff and Henry my sone betwixt them, whom I make my executors ; and William Bateman supervysor. The said Robert Alson hayth made a surrendre off hys copy lande to the handes off the sayd William Bateman. In wittnes, Ric' Callow ; Robert Harde ; Thomas Lowth ; and Ric' Knapton ; with many other.

Proved before P., 18 July, 1527, at Gedney. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOME HYPE [OF SUTTON ST. JAMES].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 48*d.*]

25 April, 1527. I Thomas Hippe of the parishe of saynt James in Sutton in Holond. I will Johanne my wif have my principall messuage with the crofte the terme of her lif ; [remainder] to Thomas Cokson, son of Robert Cokeson, and to the heyres of his body ; [remainder] to the next heyres of Robert Cokson, to hym and his heyres. To Johanne Hippe my wif ij acres londe lyeng in saynt Mary herne, xxij acres leyng in Saltfilde, and iiij acre and one rode leyng in Olde gate ; and aftyr her deceasse to remayn to Margaret my doughter in fee symple. To Margaret my doughter iij acre called Reddes, and iiij acre lande leyng at Reddes crose, to have it in fee symple at the day of her mariage. To William Cokson an acre and a rode of lande leyng in Horsmere in fee symple. I bequeth my marke of Swanes to the chapell of St. James for to kepe an obiit yerly upon the Fryday bifore Care Sonday, aftyr the forme of Laurence Malles will, for my soule and all my good frendes soules. I will ij acre lande in Sandey gate, ij acre in Brodegate, ij acre and j rode in Burdesdrove and iiij acres in Balles drove remayne in the handes of myne executors to be solde. The residue of my goodes I put theym to the disposicion of my executors, whome I ordeyne Johanne my wif and Robert Cute. I will the said Robert Cut have for his labour xx*s*. Thies witnes, Sir Richard Smyth ; Laurens Holdon ; and Simon Digell ; with other. Writen the day and yere abovesaid.

Proved before P., 18 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN THOMSON [OF FRIESTON, YEOMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 71.]

26 April, 1527. I John Thomson off Freston, yoman, makyth thys my testament concludyng in the same my last will. To George, Alexandre and John Thomson, my sones. To Catheryne and Alice my doughters in redy mony vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, a gyrdle and on pare off beades apiece. To Dame Margaret Thomson, my doughter, xl*s.*, a gyrdle and a pare off beades and a folden sylver spone. To Jane Thorpe, my servant, in redy mony vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, a gyrdle with vj pypys sylver and gylte, and on pare off beades. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to the disposicion off Thomas Palmer, gent., and John

Pedder off Freston, whome I do constitute myn executors, that they may dispose my goodes as shall be most pleas' to God and for the welth off my soule. Thyse beyng wytnesses, Sir Michell Kyghley, parysh prest off Freston; Sir John, prest[1]; and Sir John Tates, of Tateshall[2]; with many other.

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME.

Thys is the last will off me the sayd John Thomson for the disposicion off my landes and tenementes, mayd the day and yere abovesayd. I will all my feoffys from hensforthe shall stand and be feoffyd and seassed off and in all my landes and tenementes in Freston, Butterwyk, Tofte or elles wher in the countie off Lincoln, to the payment off my dettes and performacion off my testament and last will. [*folio* 71*d.*] Also I will that John Thomson, my yongest sone, have my capytall messuage that I dwell in, a house callyd Petir Semely house, ij houses callyd Petir Gie houses, Capon house, Bartile A lee house wyth di' acr' under it, Kyrkby house wyth a grene under it, iiij acre land in Herleyshon, and iij acre Inge grownde callyd Swyfte yng, to have to hym and to the heyres off hys bodye; and for defawte off such ishew, than I will the premisses remayn to George and Alexander my sonys evenly to be devydyd betwene them and to the heyres of ther bodyes in forme foloyng: that is to say, to Alexandre and to the heyres off hys body, and to George for terme off hys lyff, and in case yff George fortune to mary and have ishew off hys body in wedloke, than I will that hys porcion remayn to the sayd ishew and to the heyres off ther bodyes. Also I will that John my sone have my copie hold that I have off the prior and convent off Freston, also a Indenture for terme of certen yeres off a grene that I have off the prior and convent off Sempyngham, to hys own use and behove. Also I will that Alexander my sone have a messuage callyd Fysher house, a parcell off land called Person lande, a acre off arable land lying at Holmesgape and v acre land in the tenor off John Wayd, to hym and to the hayres off hys body; [remainder] to George and John my sones in lyke form as it is abovesayd. Also I will that the sayd George my eldest sone have a messuage called Bene house, a pastr' conteynyng ij acre and di', a house callyd Drowrge house wyth the appurtenaunce, a house callyd Peter Clay house, a pastr' callyd Kele grene, a pastr' callyd Richerd Robyn pastr' [*folio* 72] lying at the yng dyke conteynyng iij acre and di', a pastr' in the tenour off Richerd Jakson, conteynyng iiij acre, on acr' and di' off lee land, a ryg callyd Jak ryg, for the terme off hys lyff; the remaner theroff to Alexander and John my sones and to the heyres off ther bodyes, evenly to be devydyd betwine them. Moreover I will that yff George fortune to mary and have yshew off hys body begotten in wedloke, I will then the messuages and other the premisses before to hym gyffyn remayn to the sayd yshew and to ther heyres off ther bodyes; and for de-

[1] Perhaps Sir John Pinchebek, cantarist at Frieston (Salter, *A Subsidy*, p. 66).
[2] Perhaps Sir John Tatishall, stipendiary curate of Fishtoft (*Ibid.*).

fawte off such isshue, to remaine to Alexander and John and to the heyres off ther bodyes; and every off my sayd sones to be heyres to other in maner abovewryttyn. And yff it fortune all my sones dye wythowt heyres off ther bodies, than I will that all the premisses be solde be my executors, and the money theroff to be employed in maner ensuyng: that is to say, the halffe theroff to be devydyd amonge my iij doughters, Isabell, Katheryne and Alice Thomson, and the other halffe to be disposyd by the discrestion off my executors upon prestes to syng and pray for my soule, my wyffes soulys, my father and mother soules, and all cristen soules, and in other good dedes off charite to the honor, laude and prase off God, in the parysh chyrch off Freston. Also I will that my feoffes from hensforth shall stande and be seasyd off a pastur lying in Butterwyk, and another pasture both in the tenour off the sayd John Pedder, fyve acre, and ij acre in the tenure off William Worme, iiij acre in the tenure off Ric' Pedder the yonger, ij acre and di' in the tenure off Ralff Hopster, iij acre off arable land in the tenure off Stephyn Robyn lying in Bareneye feld, vij stonge off land and pastr' in Tofte feld, duryng the [*folio 72d.*] terme off iiij skore and xix yeres, upon thys condicion ensewyng: that is to say, I bequeth liij*s.* iiij*d.* yerely to be percevyd off the isseus renewyng and grawing off and upon the sayd pastures and other the premisses above specyfyed toward the wages and salary off a honest prest for to syng in the parysh church off Freston to the honour off God and the blessyd Trinite, to pray for my soule, my wyffes soules, my fader and moder soules, and all cristen soules. And when it fortune the most parte off the feoffes to decease wythin the sayd tyme and yeres, then I will those feoffes so over lyffyng shall make lyke astate to other new feoff$_3$ to the same use and intent, and so to be continued frome tyme to tyme duryng the sayd terme as long as the kynges lawes will suffer it, not renuyng in the dawnger off the statute off mortemayn. And in case the kynges licence off mortemayn wythin the sayd terme may be obteynyd, that then I will all the pastures and other the premisses remayn to the sayd gylde fowndyd in the honor off the blessyd Trinite in the sayd chyrch for evermore, so that the sayd parysh-oners will make owt the resydue off ther devocion in suche wyse that the sayd preste may continew and have competent wages and salarye. And in case they refuse so to doy, or yff the kynges lawes will not suffer it for the dawnger off the statute off mortemane, than I will all the sayd pastures and other premisses be solde be my executors; and the mony theroff perceyvyd to be employyd and disposyd upon prestes to syng and pray for my soule, my wyfes soules, my fader and moder soules, and all cristen soules, and other good dedes off charite to the honour of God, [etc.] Also I will that yff George my sone will not be rewlyd and gydyd by the good advyse and counsell off my executors, or yff he procure, move or doy anythyng to the disturbance and lette off any article or thyng comprysyd in thys my testament and laste will, that then I will that he shall nother have landes, goodes, nor other thyng to hym afore

gyffyn [*folio* 73]; also I will that all those parcelles to hym afore gyffyn be evenly devydyd betwyxt Alexander and John in taile in lyke maner; and for defawte off yshewe off them, the landes to be solde and disposyd be my executors in lyke maner as is above specyfyed. Also I will yff any ambiguite or dowte here affter be attempted or mayd by any person in any article or thyng comprissyd wythin thys testament or any clause or matter in the same not accordyng to the kynges lawes and dyscharge off my conscience, then I will the ambiguite or doughtes be interpretated by the advyse off my executors as nere as they can accordyng to the trewe meanyng and intent off my mynde in exchuyng off further costes and truble or inconveniences that myght ensewe in that behalff. Also I will that John Thomson, my sone, shall not entre nor have any possession off any landes or tenementes to hym before bequethyd unto the tyme that he be off laufull age, that is, xxjty yeres; and in the meane tyme, the isseus to be taken be my executors to hys fyndyng at schole, [etc.]

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The testament of Robert Tonnerd.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 45*d.*]

26 April, 1527. I Robert Tonnerd makes my testament, etc. Fyrst I gyff my soule to God Almyghtty, etc. Here folowyth the will off Robert Tonnerd. I will that Agnes my wyff have my dwellyng house unto Mychell my sone come to the age off xxiiijty yere. And he shall entre into oon parte and she to have the other parte for terme off hyr lyff; and after hyr decease he shall entre the hole; and she shall repare it sufficiently in the meane tyme, and bryng up the chylde. And yff my wyff die or my sone come at the forsayd age, I will it retorne to my brother, Sir William, to the behouff of my sone Michell. And yff Michell my sone dye or he come at laufull age, I will it be solde be my brother, Sir William, or his assignes, and disposed for my soule. To my wyff iiij acres lande in Wyberton sold [*sic*] for terme off hyr lyff, and then it shall retorne to my sone Michell; and yff he dye with owt issue, then I will it retorne to my brother Sir William or hys assignes. To my wyff halff off my shippe with bote and all that longyth therto, [etc.] [*folio* 46] I will that Gray house, wyth ij acres pasture to the same belongyng, be put in suer feoffment to the behouff of Skyrbeck church the space and terme off iiij^{xx} xviij yeres, on thys condicyon, that the church wardons kepe or cause to be kepte an obyte yerly for my soule and my frendes soulys to the value of v*s.* by the yere. And yff they canne obteyne the kynges licence for the sayd house and pasture for mortyfyng off the same with in the sayd yeres, then I will it so continew to the behouff off the sayd church for ever; and yff not, then I will that att ende off the sayd yeres the house and pasture be solde be the church wardens, and the money theroff

commyng to be bistowed in the sayd church for my soule and all criston soules; provyded alway that yff the church wardons do not fullfyll and kepe my obyt yerly, I will myn executours or the executours off them sell the house and pasture, and the money theroff to be dysposed in the sayd church for my soule and all crysten soules. I will that Agnes my wyff have the sayd house and pasture in ferme the terme off hyr lyff, payng yerly to the churchwardens viij*s.* to kepe my yerly obyt with. I will have a preste founde be my executors to pray for my soule halfe a yere in sanct Simon and Jude qwere. I will Simon Tonnord, my brother sone, have ij acres pasture grounde in Kyrton meres, and my brother, Sir William, have the kepyng off the lande and the chylde; and shalbe att liberte whether he will kepe the lande or selle it to kepe the chylde wyth. I will that the residue off my shepe, and all my catell, and all my bootes be solde to pay my dettes. To Robert Grene, Crysten my syster, Alice Bayly my god doughter, and Robert Arnold a yowe and a lambe [apiece]. To Edward Mason halff my towles. The resydue off my goodes I leve to the disposycion off Ric' Tonnerd and Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executours, that they dispose them for the welth off my soule and for all crysten soules, by the oversyght off Sir Wylliam, my brother, whome I make my supervysor. [*folio* 46*d.*] Thyes wyttnes, William Parnnam off Frampton; William Grone off Kyrton; Thomas Marre off Boston; wyth other mooy.

Proved before P., at Frampton, 19 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RYC' WELBY [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 41.]

28 April, 1527. I Rycherd Welby of Gedney in Holand makes thys my testament and last wyll. Thys is the last wyll off me Rycherd Welby. I wyll Anne my wyff shall have my pryncypall messe with in Gedney with all my landes and tenementes wyth in the sayd towne to the terme off hyr lyff. To Anne my wyff my messe lyeng in Holbeche with all landes and tenementes with in the sayd towne the terme off her lyffe; also all my landes and tenementes with in the towne off Gosberton to the end and terme off hyr lyffe; also all my houshold stuff wyth all my plate, movables and not moveables, with all my implementes beyng with in the house and howses, and all my catall. I wyll have an honeste preste to celebrate for me and my good frendes ij yeres with in the church off our lady in Gedney. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Anne my wyff, whome I make myne executrice; she to despose them for the helth off my soule. Thyes wyttnes, Robert Ganneson, chapeleyn; Robert [*folio* 41*d.*] Sowme; Wylliam Bokyll; John Waterman; John Nicolson; wyth other more, etc.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 May, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

The testament of Alleson Dekynson [of Gayton in the Marsh].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 50].

3 May, 1527. I Alleson Dekynson off Gaton. To Richerd Diconson the yonger Bell garthe to hym and to hys heyres off hys bodie; and he to gyff to the parson or the parysh preste yerly affter my decease for sayng off dirige and masse off Requiem iiij*d.* Also I will he gyff yerly xij*d.* to pore fookes every good fryday wythin the paryshyng off Gaton by the oversyght off Thomas Deconson, my broder. Yff it fortune that the forsayd Richerd die without heyres off hys body, I will that John Deconson have it under the same condicion. Yff it fortune John Deconson dy without heyres off hys body, I will it retorne to the next off the blode. To Thomas my broder on acre off lande and halff, medowe and tyland under thys condicion, that he cause a preste to syng a trentall, and also to gyff the church off Gayton iij*s.* iiij*d.* I will have another trentall with my other goodes. To Richerd Diconson chylder, William Diconson chylder, Jenet my god doughter, and Cissell, Philip Deconson, ychon off my god chylder, Robert Houseman, William hys sone, Agnes my syster, William my brother, Thomas my broder. To the church off Gaytton. To Richerd Diconson, Agnes Deconson wyff off William Deconson, Jenet Diconson wyff off Thomas [*folio* 50*d.*] Deconson, Margaryt Deconson. To the alter of Gayton a awter clothe. To Jenet Cowuerlay, Margaret Warde. Residue of goodes to Thomas Deconson and William Deconson, whome I make my executors. Theys wytnes, Henre Skypwyth; Ric' Dysnay; John Droype; John Hyc'; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Awthorpe, 31 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Alexander Leeke.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 38*d.*]

7 May, 1527. I Alexander Leeke makyth my testament and last will. I will that Margaret my wyffe have all the hole houshold stuff, savyng I will that every on off my iij doughters that be unmaryed have every on off them a fetherbedde with the pertenans ther to pertenyng, also a bras potte and a chyste and a pare of amber beaddes, the yongest to have chose. To John Leeke, my sone, my gray amblyng nagg with the amblyng stagg. I will that Marget my wyff have hyr joynter peassably accordyng to the dede ther off mayd with the hole inclosse duryng hyr lyffe. I will that the resydue off my lordshype off Stanygot, my wyffe joynter excepte, be put in feoffment to the performans off my wyll the space off xxty yerys nexte foloyng affter my decease. To John Leke my sone xl*l.*, excepe that hys brother Xp'ofer decease with owt issue, that then the sayd John to have the land and no mony. To Anthony Leke, my sone, xxty marke. To Catheryne, Jasabelle and Jane my doughters each xx*l.*, and hyr bryngyng up unto the age of xvj yeres; provydyd alway

that myn executors [*folio* 39] be no forder chargyd but as it shall ryesse and grow off the sayd lordeshype. To Xp'ofer my sone all my hole harnys. I will that affter my deceasse Xp'ofer Leke, my sone and hare, enter in to Sybsay and Leke all holle as ryght ineryter; and yff he dye with owt issue off hys body, that then John hys brother to enter as ryght hare. The resydue off my truly begotten goodes I refer to the dyscrescyon and dysposycyon off myne executors to dyspose for the helth off my soule, whome I constytute John Rede, gentylman, Margaret Leke, my wyffe. Mr. John Henage to be supervysor. In wyttnes heroff I have put to my seale off my harmys the day and yere above wryttyn. Thes wyttnes, Mr. John Rede; Sir Ric' Barker, parych preste; Xp'ofer Leeke; Robert Malteby; Thomas Kendalle; Wylliam Longbotom; John Newbe; John a Leeke.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, in the church of St. Peter in Estgate, 22 May, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM BASSE [OF SAPPERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 57.]

17 May, 1527. I William Basse of Sapperton, seyk in body. I will that Sir Walter, my sone, shall have my messe and tenement lyeng in the towne and feldes off Newton, callyd Pygott thyng, with its appurtenances, as doyth appere more playnly in a dede off feoffment mayd to the use off the sayd Syr [*folio* 57*d.*] Walter the iiijth day off May, xiiij Henry VIII. And for the tenement I will that he shall gyff and bestowe for the well of my soule x*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, off the wych I will that all the expenses and chargys off my buryeng day, vijth day and xxxth be taken forth upon, and other charges concernyng thys my will. And I will that for the resydewe off the said mony Syr Walter my sone shall fynde a preste to serve for me, my wyffe, Adam Sybsey and hys wyffe in the church [*sic*] off Newton and Sapperton, and more parte to be done at Newton. I wytt to Sir Walter another messe off myne, callyd Wardethyng, lyeng in the sayd towne and feldes off Newton. And for that I will a obbyt to be kepyd yerly in the church off Newton for me, my wyffe, Adam Sybsey and hys wyffe, and to gyff to the same iij*s.* iiij*d.*: fyrst, to the parson for saying dirige, mespens and bedrolle x*d.*; to the reparacions off the bellys iij*d.*; to the churchwardens to helpe that it be done ij*d.*; for waxe candells ij*d.*; to the parson off Sapperton for our namys rehersyng in hys bedroll iiij*d.*; and the resydue off that mony to be disposyd for brede and ale emonges pore people. I bequeth the beste eshe tre growyng in pygot close to Thomas Crane. To John Basse and Elesabeth Basse. To the chylder off Thomas Crane. I make Syr Walter, my sone, and Thomas Crane my executors, and Sir Raff Irland, parson of Sapperton, supervisor. Wyttnes, Thomas Audeslay; Syr Raff Irland, and other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 15 October, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. HEWTON [OF STALLINGBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 57.]

20 May, 1527. I William Hewton off Stallyngburgh. To Elyn my wyff my house with its appurtenance for the terme off hyr lyffe; [remainder] to Jenyt Hewton, Margett Hewton, Elyn Hewton and Elizabeth Hewton, my doughters, to be devydyd to every on off them; and yff any of them dye before my wyffe with out ischewe off ther bodyes, then they that is alyffe shall have the house emong them; and yff they all dye with out ischewe off ther bodyes, I will the house be solde and disposyd for the helthe off my soule and my wyffe soule and all crysten soulys. The resydue off my goodes, not gyffyn nor wytt, I will that it be devydyd in ij partes, and Elyn my wyffe to have the on parte and the other parte to be devydyd emong my iiij dowghters. I wyll that Elyn my wyff be my executrix. I make Ric' Hewton, my brother, supervysor. Thyes wytnes, Sir Alan Lesby, prest; Ric' Tayler; and William Skayman; with other.

Proved before P., at Castr', 8 October, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON WORSHYP [OF LONG SUTTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 69*d.*]

21 May, 1527. I Simon Worshyp off Sutton in Holland. To William my sone x*l.*, to be in the custody off William Sowter to he be xviij yerys off age; and yff he happyn to decease or he be xviij yeres off age, then I will that viij*l.* remane to John my sone att xviij yeres off age, and the other xl*s.* be disposyd in dedes off charitie on the buryall day off the sayd William. To John my sone a cupbord, a table, a arke that standes in the halle and a pare off qwernys. To Margaret my doughter a sylver gyrdyll, etc. To Ursula my dowghter iiij markes, to be in the custody off Roger Cony to she be xviij yeres off age or day of mariage. To Helyn my doughter iiij markes, [*folio* 70] to be in the custody off Robert May to she be xviij yerys off age or day off mariage. The resydue off my catall I will be solde and the mony devydyd betwyx my doughters Ursula and Helyn so that yt passe not the sume off iiij nobyls, and yff it passe the sayd sume, I will the rest remane to William my sone, [etc.]

Thys is the last will off me Symon Worshyp the day and yere abovesayd. I will that John my sone have my messuage in Crosse gate, and xiij acres off arable and pastur land, yff he lyff to xviij yerys, to hym, hys heyres and assygnes; [remainder] to William; [remainder] [*folio* 70*d.*] to my doughters Ursula and Helyn. I wyll that my house and xiij acres off lande, pastur and arable, lying in Crosse gate be in ferme to Robert May, as I have covandyd, frome the fest off saynt Michell tharke angell next affter to the ende off ix yerys. And my goodes thus bequethyd I put to the dysposicion off Roger Cony, whome I ordeyne my executor. I make William Sowter supervysor. Wytnesses, Ric' Kyng; Hery Edmund; John

May; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 25 September, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. FYSHER [OF LONG LEADENHAM, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 44.]

8 June, 1527. I John Fysher off Longlednam, husbandman. To be buryed in the church yerde off sanct Swythune off Longled'ham aforsayd. For my mortuary my best good. To our lady warke off Lincoln vj*d.* To the hygh alter off Longlednham for tythes forgotten xij*d.* To the upholdyng off the bellys off Longledenham viij*d.* To the iiij orders off frears in Lincoln. To the parysh prest off Ledenham vj*d.* To Johan my doughter and Agnes my doughter. To my godchyldren. To Robert Stenyt. To Johan Fysher, doughter off George Fysher, a mesuage in Lednam with all medows, pasturs, [etc.], belongyng to it within the towne and feldes off Long Ledenham, to her and her harys off her body; [remainder] to the next off hyr kynred. The resydue off my goodes to Thomas Rygges and to John Fysher, my sone, whome I make my executors. Theyse men beryng wytnes, Syr John Gyllmyn, prest; Thomas Rygges; Thomas Kay; Wylliam Gardus; Edmund Ewynwood; Radulpus Lanysdale; Lenard Erle; Robert Stenyt; with other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 12 June, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' HOLLAND [OF BUTTERWICK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 45.]

13 June, 1527. I Ric' Holland off Butterwyke, make my testament, concluding therin my last wyll. To Ellyn my doughter a carte and a plough and the thirde part of all my housholde stuff, [etc.], at the age off xx yere; and yff she dye, I will that Richard Ryston have the cart and the plough, and the other her parte to be devydyd betwyx Margaret my wyffe and the chyldren off William Holand, my brother. To Margaret Pyshe. To Richard Riston on acre off Somerffalo barly att Monkes crofft ende. To Robert Pyshe. To every on off the chyldren off William Holland, my brother. To Ric' Gylson, Ric' Pedder and William Cokeson. To the prior off Freston to the reparacyon off hys place xx*s.* To Margaret my wyff iij acres lande, callyd Shortebuttes, and on acre called Herde ryge, and ij acres medow in Freston ynges, lying at Scarth, the terme off her lyff; [remainder] to Helyn my doughter and to the heires of hyr body; and yff sche dye with owt heyres off her body, I will that the iij acres called Schorte Buttes remayn to the next off my blode; and the acre called Herd ryge be solde and the money ther off be desposed in Freston church in fyndyng a prest to pray for my soule and all crysten soules, as long as the money therto will endure. To Helyne my doughter a howse in Freston Kyrkthorpe, and on acre

land at Freston Cathorpemeres in fee symple; and all my copy holdes in Freston immediatly after my decease. To Ric' Ryston on halfe acre pasture in Freston Honytofte. The resydue off all my goodes to Margaret my wyffe, whome I make [*folio* 45*d.*] my executrix. I make John Pynchbeke the elder supervysor. Thyes wytnes, Thomas Picto; Sir Robert Peycoke; John Pynchbeke, yongar; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Frampton, 19 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HAY [OF LEGBOURNE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 44*d.*]

16 May, 1527. I John Hay makes my wyll. To the church of Legborn vj*s.* viij*d.* To Elizabeth my wyff. To Thomas my sone and Agnes my doughter, [both under age]. To a prest to syng for me and my wyffes ij yere x*l.* I wyll sir John Smyth have it and he may be gottyn. Residue off my goodes to Ancell Neyff and George Gybson, whome I make executors, with sir John Smyth supervysor. Thyes men beyng wyttnes, sir John Smyth, curat; Ric' Turgose; Ancell Atherwyke; Robert Phylyp.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 6 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN REENGE [OF LONG SUTTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 54*d.*]

8 July, 1527. I John Reenge, the elder, off Sutton in Holland. [*folio* 55] I will that Margaret Reenge, the doughter off Nicholes my sone, have vj angell nobylls and a hold noble, a lytell spone of sylver, and ij off the next best off the other off the ix spones when she commys to xxti yerys off age or at hyr mariage. And yff she decease afore xxty yeres off age or maryed, I will the sayd mony and spones be desposed in the church off our lady in Sutton. And yff John Mayer or any other persone do either wex, trobyll or sewe myn executors for any cause att eny tyme towchyng the sayd Margaret, I will my executors to defende them selffe with the sayd money and spones and she to have never a penny nor peny worth that is before namyd. I will John Reenge, my sone, have in fee symple v acres off londe with a mece lyeng in the delfe, iiij acres in the delfe, ij acres and di' in Dekeysgate, and my house in Churchgate. To Mawryse Reenge and John Reenge, my sonnes, joyntly togeder ij acres lande costom warke, with a koote lyeng at Sedyke. The resydue off my land I gyff it to Mawrice my sone to hym and hys assygnes. To yong John Reeng and Agnes hys syster a boloke wych is att Richerd Okes. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposycyon off Mawryse and John Reenge, my sones, whom I make my executors. I make John Day supervysor. I have gyven my land in to the handes off John Sowter to the fulfyllyng off thys my wyll. Thes wyttnes, sir William Colson; sir Thomas Howlle; and John Sawter; with other.

Proved before P., at Spald', 25 September, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. GODSON [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 54.]

12 July, 1527. I Thomas Goodson off the parysh off Kyrton in Holand. My body to be buryed in the church yerde off the holy apostelles Peter and Pall. I will that my wyff have the house the wych I do dwell in from the fest off sanct Mychell the archangell next affter thys present date to hende and terme off x yeres; [remainder] to Roosse, Margaret and Allyce my doughters by equall porcyons, to them and ther heyres off ther bodyes, [*folio* 54*d.*] and yche off them to be other heyres; [remainder] to Johan my wyff at hyr discrescyon. I will that from ij yeres affter my deceasse my wyffe do pay or cause to be paid every yere duryng iij yeres vj*s.* viij*d.* to the church wardens off the church off Kyrton toward the byeng off a coope. The resydue off my goodes not wytt nor bequethyd I gyff to Johan my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I make Xp'ofer Benyt off Kyrton and John Hall off Swynneshed supervisors. Thies wytnes, Sir Thomas Agley; Ric' Murre; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 24 September, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CHAMBERS [OF BOLINGBROKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 49*d.*]

14 July, 1527. I Thomas Chambers of Bolyngbroke, off good helth and prosperite, loved be God, but dredyng the howre uncerten off deth, makyth my testament. To John my sone iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* To Christopher my sone iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* yff chaunce be he cum home againe. To Margaret my doughter. To my brother, Henry Chambers. To Helene my wyffe the house that I now dwell in, duryng hyr lyff; [remainder] to John my sone, to hyme and hys heyres off his bodye; [remainder] to Margaret my doughter, to hyre and hyr heyres of hyr bodye. To Helene my wyff the lande that I have in Westerkele, named a copye holde, and my freland, called Webster lande, lieng in Westerkelle; and affter her deceasse, I will the land cum to my next heyre. The resydue off my goodes not gyffen nor wytt I leyff to Sir Roger Chambres and Helyne Chambres my wyff, whom I make my executors. Yeven [*folio* 50] at Bolingbroke. Thyes wyttnesses, Edward Godryke off Bolyngbroke; Thomas Wryght off the same; William Wryght off the same; Oliver Louell; Thomas Smyth; Robert Forman; and Robert Scrope, notarie; wyth other mooy.

Proved before P., in the parish church of St. Peter in Estgate in the city of Lincoln, 24 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT LAMBESON [OF WIGTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 53.]

19 July, 1527. I Robert Lambeson off Wygtofft. I will that Margaret my wyff have duryng the hole terme off hyr lyff my peces off land and pasture contenyng xj acres, seperally lieng in Wygtofft, Swyneshed and Byker; wheroff the fyrst pece is pasture, conteynyng v acres, called Marche hylles, lying in Byker Marshe; the second pece is arable land, conteynyng ij acre, called Long Rygges, lieng in the parysh off Wygtofft; the thyrde pece is arable lande, conteynyng ij acres, called Mylne Hough, lyeng in the parysh off Swynneshed; the iiijth pece is arable lande, conteynyng ij acres, called North Toffte, lyeng in the parysh off Swyneshed; except that yff the paryshoners off Wygtofft do take downe the Northe Ile off ther church, then I wyll the forsayd pece of pasture off v acres, called Marche Hylles, be solde be my feoffes, and the mony theroff to be receyvyd to be put to the use off the reedifieng off the sayd Ile. And over that, yff any off the sayd paryshoners or any other for them make any tale or troble agayns my wyff off or in the forsayd iij peces off arable land, I will that then she have the forsayd iiij peces duryng the hole terme off hyr lyff, the reedifieng off the sayd North Ile then not with standyng. I will that Richerd Howson, late off Wygtoft, have my messuage in the wych I dwell in, and on stong off land lyeng to it, affter that my wyff take hyr to mariage; and as long as she kepyth her unmaryd, she for to have them. And as sone as she takyth hyr to maryage, I wyll that then my said messuage and the stonge off lande and iij peces off arable lande seperally lyeng in the feldes off Wygtofft, wheroff on pece is callyd Mable Butt, and another pece called Lye Buttes, [*folio* 53*d.*] and the thyrde pece is called Skeyle Rygg, remayn unto the said Ric' Howson to hys heyres and hys assignes for ever. I will that John Terry have to hym, hys heyres and assignes on acre off pasture, called Long Rygges, lyeng in the felde off Wygtofft betwene the landes off John Latebury off the este parte and the land off Rycherd Wynter off the weste parte. I wyll that William Potter my servant have on acre off land and pastur to hym hys heyres and assignes seperally lyeng in Wygtofft, whereoff iij rode is arable, called Brown Toffte Stowe, lyeng betwene the landes off the lord Lawarr' off the partes off the est and off the west, and the other roode is pasture, lyeng at Lancotholme Crosse, buttyng off the landes off the lord Lowerr' off the partes off the est and the west. And over that, I wyll that my wyff have the forsayd ij acre off land and pastur, before assyned to John Terry and to William Potter, durying the terme off v yeres imediatly after my decease. I wyll that affter the deceasse off my wyff, the sayd pece off land off ij acres, called Mylnehough, remayne in the handes off my feoffees, ther heyres and assygnes during the terme off xxxty yeres; and they with the rentes thereoff to kepe an obyt in the church off Wygtofft the xxvty day off July yerly duryng the xxxti

yeres for the saulys off me, my wyffes, my parentes, my benefactors and all crysten soulys, expendyng thereoff yerly iiij*s*. to prestes and clerkes and pore people. I will that the sayd Ric' Howson have my plowgh and my carte and iiij off my best horses, he to helpe my wyff to tyll hyr landes, [etc.]. I wyll that affter the deceasse off my sayd wyff, the sayd ij peces off land called Northtoffte and Long Rygges be solde, and [*folio* 54] also the sayd pece called Milnehough be solde after the said terme off xxxti yeres be my feofees, and the on halffe off the mony to be disposyd in the church off Wygtofft, and the other halffe to pore people ther, [etc.] I will that the said Ric' Howson be supervysor of all the premisses. The resydue of my goodes I gyve unto Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thies beyng wyttnes, sir Thomas Okdeyn, parysh preste off Wygtofft; John Atkynson; and Ric' Howson off the same.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 24 September, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY HALLEY [OF NORTH HYKEHAM].

[L.C.C., 1543-56, *f.* 60. *Translated from the Latin*].

6 August, 1527. I Henry Halley of Hykham, sick in body, [etc.]. My body to be buried in the churchyard of All Saints in Hykham. I bequeath my best beast for a mortuary. To the cathedral church of Lincoln xx*d*. To the reparation of my parish church one cow and one acre sown. To the orphans of St. Katherine's without the walls of the city of Lincoln xij*d*. To each of the daughters of Thomas Babar. I bequeath my house in Hykham to my wife for her life; then I will that Grace Baker, my daughter, have it as next heir; and if she shall die without issue of her body, [remainder in succession] to Margaret and Agnes her sisters [and the heirs of their bodies; remainder] to John Halley junior and the heirs of his body. The residue of my goods to Jenet [*folio* 60*d*.] my wife, whom I make my executrix. These being witnesses, Sir Thomas Smetley; William Welby; and William Hybylwhat; with others.

Proved before P., 10 December, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS NICHOLL, PARSON OF CROFTE, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 109.]

2 August, 1527. I sir Thomas Nicholl, parson of Croft. My body to be buryed in chansell of Crofte. I bequieth for my mortuary as custome hys. To the mother chyrch of Lincoln iiij*d*. To ewery hows of ffrears off Lecest' iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the parich church of Thurlston ij*s*.; also to the chapell of Huncot iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the parich church of Stone Stanton ij*s*. To the chapell of sanct Margates in the parich of Broton Asthelay ij*s*. To the castyng of the bell and ending of the brige of Crofte xx*s*. To my servant Thomas. To my sisture [*page* 110] Renold. To my servant Augnes Gostie iij

kye withe my systur reward. Also the resydew of my goodes, my legacys, my dettes, my finall expenses down, I gyf to my systur Eleseb3 Came and to Wiliam Came, hur sonne, whome I mak my executors. I mak the right worshipfull sir Ric' Cheywerell superwiser. Theis beyng wytnes, Mr Wiliam Spark; sir Robert Pegge; sir Henr' Ywys; with oder divers moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WARD [OF PARTNEY, TANNER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 114.]

10 August, 1527. I Thomas Warde of Partenay. To William my sone xx markes with all the fattes and vesselles aboff the grounde and under pertenyng and longyng to the tanner craffte that I now use, with all other implementes longyng to the occupacion, with on leed and all the bark in my yerde excep as mych bark as will worke owt my stuff beyng in occupacion; also a plough and a wane with all ther tyryng to them belongyng, wythe my best packe horse, [etc.] To Crystyan my doughter. To Jenet Lawforth my doughter. To iiij chyldren off Edmund Micalles every on off them xl*s.*, and the man chylde to have hys parte when he is xxty yere off age, and the woman at the day off hyr mariage. To iiij chyldren off John Layforth in Parteney every on xx*s.*, and it to be orderyd as is afore notyd. To Margaret Bowyer, Elizabeth Jackson and Margaret Jackson. The resydue off my housholde stuff with in my house I gyff to Betterys my wyff. The resydue of my goodes I will William Woodforth and Rauff Grene dispose for the helth off my soule; whome I make my executors.

I the forsayd Thomas Warde, the day and yere beforerehersyd, gyffes by thys my last will to Betterys my wyff ij howsys, bothe under on royff, standyng at the est chyrch style in Partenay; the wich ij howsys abuttes off the church yerd off the west and off the south, [*folio* 114*d.*] and off the hy way off the north off the chyrch howys, and off the est off the lorde off Skendlby, gyffyng them to Betterys my wyff her lyff and, affter hyr deth, to William Ward, my sone and, affter hys deth, I gyff them for ever to Partney chyrch, chargyng the chyrch wardyns of Parteney by thys my last will to kepe every yere on obyt for my soule, gyffyng the parson for messe and dirige viij*d.*, to xiij pore men off the parysh xiij*d.*, and to the ryngers iiij*d.* Also the sayd Thomas Warde wyllyth that all the landes and housys belongyng in Skendelby, Fordyngton, Howlysby, Claxby, Grebbe, Welton and Hoggesthorp be solde be the handes of William Woodforth and Rawffe Grene for to fulfyll thys my last testament, and the resydue to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule. These witnesses, Sir William Colle; Thomas West, clerk; Peter West, clerk.

Proved before P., at Halton, 1 April, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS PAKERNES OF BENYNGTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 115.]

15 August, 1527. I Thomas Pakernes off Benyngton. To William and Ric' my sonnes. To Isabell and Alice my doughters. I will that Jenet Pakarnes, my wyff, have my homestadyll with iij acres pastur lying under it; and all my other landes and tenementes within the towne off Benyngton the terme off hyr lyff; and affter her decease [*folio* 115*d.*] I will the homestadyll with the iij acres pastur and v acres arable lande over the hyght way, callyd Caydman Croffe, and iij acres pasture over the Meres, iij stong pasture in Medyll Gate, callyd Thom' Pynggyll, remane to William my sone, yff he lyff to he cum at the age off xxjty yeres, to hym hys heires and assigns for evermore; [remainder] to Richerd my son, yff he lyff to he cum at the age off xxjty yeres, in fee simple. To Richerd my son iij acres arrable lande, callyd Cryscroffte, ij acres of inground, callyd Bricroffte, in maner abovesayd. And yff William and Richerd my sonys bothe decease before they cum to the age off xxj yeres, then I will that my homestadyll and all my other landes and tenementes ramane hole to Isabell and Alice my doughters in fee simple. Residue off my goodes to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thyse beyng wytnesses, Sir Roger Pyshe; William Tateshall; and John Wryght; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 30 March, 1528.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LEEK OF BOSTON, [MERCER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 108.]

19 August, 1527. I John Leeke off Boston, mercer, makyth my last testament concernyng my last will. My body to be buryd within the qwere off our lady with in the parysh church off saynt Botulphe in Boston, with my mortuary as the custom requiryth. To the hyghe alter off saynt Botulphe for tythys forgottyn v*s.* To the hygh alter off our mother church off Lincoln xij*d.* To our lady worke off Lincoln vj*d.* To the fatherles and motherles chyldren with owt the wallys att Lincoln vj*d.* I will that a prest syng for my soule, my wyffes soulys, and for all crystyn soulys a yere with in the qwere off our lady beforesayd, and he to have for hys stypent v*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.*; and allso he to syng longer yff it may be borne. To the church werke off Boston in money vj*s.* viij*d.* To the gylde off vij slepers iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the wyff off layt my cosyn Charlys off Lienton, a gowne cloth off blake, the price off a yerde iij*s.* iiij*d.* To her sone iij*s.* iiij*d.*, and on off my bonettes. To her doughter vj*s.* viij*d.*, and to the husband off here doughter a pare off hose cloth. To my lady Ankryse the fyrst yere affter my decease every weke j*d.* To Nicholes Smyth and to hys wyff to ether off theym a gowne cloth off blake, the price off a yerde iij*s.* iiij*d.* To every on off ther iiij chyldren vj*s.* viij*d.* To sir Ric' Robertson my furryd typpyt. To John Neyll the sylver hernest gyrdyll that he dyd gyff me, and a rynge off basse golde. Also to hys wyff a lyttyll gymmowe off sylver. To Sir Thomas Paynson a

kerchyff, price xvj*d.* To Matilde late the wyff off Porter off Conesby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To William Pakker a gymmow off golde; and to hys wyff on off sylver. To Isabell Arley a lyttyll golde ryng, a new chyst that standyth in my ware hawle, [etc.], [*folio* 108*d.*] a tryangle off sylver and a masser wych wer hyre mothers. To Alys Arley my wyffys weddyng ryng, and a ambre that standyth in the smalle ale buttre, and all the ix shelffes that be there, and a long table and the trestyls that is in the halle, and a carpyt cloth, a chare in the haule, a blak chyst carvyd in the chamber, ij formys, ij bed stedes and all the payntyd clothys in the chamber, and a pendent and a bokyll off sylver for a gyrdyll. To John Arley an *Agnus Dei.* To John Smyth a crystall stone closyd in sylver. To John Sutton a bonyt, the price xvj*d.* To John Dawson my tawny jakyt off cloth and a pare off hose cloth mayd. To Keger off Leuerton my wynter gowne; and to hys wyff a gowne cloth off blak, price the yerde iij*s.* iiij*d.* To every precher that shall prech with in the forsayd parysh church by the space off on yere, praying for my soule and all crystyn soulys, iiij*d.* To the parysh prestes every Sonday praying for my soule and all crystyn soulys in tyme off ther beede by the space off on yere so doyng ij*d.* To saynt Anthony qwere to the payntyng and gyltyng theroff xxvj*s.* viij*d.*; and both my vestementes and all other anornamentes to remayn ther as long as they will indure under the custody off the alderman off the gylde off saynt Peter or hys depute. I will that Corpus Cristi gylde have my lande in Leke and Leuerton, and ij garthyns lyeng in Boston upon the west syde off the water or havyn, and xvj*l.* in mony, for the terme off iiij^{xx} and xij yerys and, yff it may be soffryd by the law, for ever, or ellys att the ende off the sayd terme yt to be solde be my executors or the executors off them, wyth thys condicyon that the sayd gylde shall kepe an obbyt off xiij*s.* iiij*d.* yerly for my soule, my wyffes soulys, for the soulys off my father and mother and all cristen soulys. [*folio* 109] I will that thys house that I wone or dwelle in be solde be my executors to the performacion off my will, provyd' I will that Jenet my wyff have the parler that I ly in the space off a yere affter my deth; also the parler off the corner with the chamber above it that Nicholes Smyth bought off me the terme off hyr lyff accordyng to the condycion off the obligacion mayd betwyx Nicholes Smyth and me; also in mony xiij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* I will the sayd Jenet have the bed that stondyth in the parlor, with iiij pillowys, j off the best and iij off the next best, and all thynges that longyth therto, hallf a garnysh of vessyll, halff a dosen sylver sponys, a sylver salte parcell gilte, with the cover off the same, and my musterdevillys gowne, [etc.] To Jenet wyff off Nicholes Smyth the house wyth the stabyll that I toke off the abbot and convent off Kyrkested, the terme off hyr lyff, affter the last payment be payd off the indentur and obligacion concernyng the payment for the said house the wich the sayd Nicholes Smyth bought off me; and she to pay yerly therfore, accordyng to the indentur mayd betwyx the abbot and convent and me, xvj*d.*; [remainder] to Richerd her sone [*folio* 109*d.*] and hys heyres;

[remainder] to the other ij brethern, ffyrst to John and hys heyres, and then to Jerom and hys heyres; [remainder] to the abbot and convent; and so provydyng alwey that Mr. Nicholes Vpton and all hys servandes shall have standyng wythin the sayd stabyll for ther horses at all sych tymys as it shall fortune that he or any off hys servandes shall cum to the towne off Boston. I will xiij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* be devyded emonges the iij doughters off Richerd Arley and Katheryne hys wyff; and to every on off them a fether bedde and the rest of my napry, brasse, latyne, pewder, as apperyth be an invytory theroff mayd, and vj sylver sponys to be devydyd emonges them when they cum to the age off xviij yeres or ellys be maryd. And yff it fortune any off them to dy before that age then that parte or partes to be disposyd in burying off the body or bodys, and in other dedes off charyte, as shall be thought best be my executors, as well off the mony as off the stuff. I will that saynt Peter gylde have my standyng cuppe off sylver and gylte with the coveryng, and with this condicyon that the property off Mary Magdalene have the use off it upon the day off Penticost and Corpus Cristi, so that sufficient seurty be sett for it that it shall be brought alwey agayn at the same day or days at nyght. I will that sir George Gerner have my property off Mary Magdalene, and affter hys decease it to remayn to Nicholes Smyth and to hys chyldren. I will have gyffen att my dore in almes v*d.* every Fryday the fyrst yere. To every gylde with in the parysh church off Boston and to every order off the frearys j pound off wax. To every parysh [*folio* 110] church with in vj mylys off Boston j pound of wax. To every order off frearys beyng att my bryngyng furth v*s.* To the convent off Stanfelde x*s.* To the iiij orders off frearys with in Boston be the space off x yerys every yere a cowe or a sterre amonges them. I will that a candyll off xij pounds weyght be kepte before the sepulcre at Ester yerly the space off x yerys. The resydue of all my goodes not giffyn nor wytt I will that they be disposyd in almes dedes and in mendyng off hy or comman ways by the advice and jugement off sir George Garner and sir Thomas Gybson, prestes, whom I make my executors; they to pay my dettes and dispose for the welth off my soule and all cristen soulys, and ether off them geffyng unto other off them xxvj*s.* viij*d.*; and to other off them a goblyt off sylver and a blake gown, the price off a yerde v*s.*; by the over syght off Mr. Nicholes Vpton, esquyer, and sir Ric' Coyk, prest, whome I make supervysors, [etc.] Thyes beyng wyttnes, sir John Woodhows; John Neyll; Nicholes Smyth; William Bryan.

Thys is the inventory off Almaner off Napry off me John Leke, mercer, that shall remayn to the iij doughters off Ric' Arley, accordyng to my last wyll.

Inprimis vj pare off schettes good and badd, markyd every on with ij purlys off blak sylke. Item a dosyn off tabyll napkyns cowrs off playn cloth. Item iij pillow berys with semys off blak sylke, purlyd in lyke maner. Item iiij towyls, ij off playn cloth and ij off

olde diaper. Item a diaper tabyll cloth. Item to olde testers for beds, off whyte cloth.

[*folio* 110*d.*] Thys is the inventory off the pewter, bras and latyn off me John Leeke, mercer, that shall remayn to the iij doughters off Ric' Arley, accordyng to my last will or testament.

Inprimis vij cowrs sawssars, ponderant . .	iiijli. iijq'r.
Item ix pewder dyshys, ponderant . . .	xiiijli. q'r.
Item xij pewder platters	a q'r cijli. . .
Item vj pewder podegers, ponderant . .	iiijli.
Item ij lyttyll basyns off pewder . . .	iiijli. q'r.
Item a bras pot, ponderant . . .	xixli.
Item ij smale bras pottes, pond' . . .	xijli.
Item a posnet, pond'	iiijli.
Item a copper kettyll, weyng . . .	xijli.
Item a lyttyll barne panne, pond' . . .	ijli.
Item a candylstyk	jli. vj unc'
Item ij chaffyng dyshys, a better and a wer .	vli.
Item a basyn off latyn with a ros, pond' . .	iiijli.
Item a holy water stokke, pond' . . .	jli. q'r.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 8 March, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF JO. GYLBERT [OF BUTTERWICK IN HOLLAND, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 64.]

31 August, 18 Henry VIII. I John Gylberd off Butterwyk, hoosbandman. To Isabell my wyff my capytall messuage, wherin I dwell, with all my other landes and pasturys that I have in Butterwyk and Benyngton, the terme off hys [*sic*] lyffe; [remainder] to John my sone, to hym and hys heyres and assignes. To John my sone ij acre lande in Northfelde, and on acre lande callyd Fendyk Reyg in Butterwyk, to hym, hys heyres and assignes, he gyffyng to ich off iij systers vj*s.* viij*d.* att the day off ther mariage, and to William hys brother xx*s.* at hys laufull age. To William my sone ij placys off lande and medewe callyd Scottdyke, and on acre theroff lying att Gybson croffte ende, to hym and hys assygnes. To Isabell my wyff. [*folio* 64*d.*] To Jane, Agnes and Alis my doughters. Resydue to Isabell my wyff and John my sone. Wyttnes heroff, Sir Thomas Pycte,[1] chaplain; Ric' Oram; and Peter Buttler off Butterwyk; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 31 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR T. SMALIS [OF WEST ASHBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 58.]

7 September, 1527. I Sir Thomas Smalys off Asby nygh Horncastr'. I do gyve to an obbyt iiij*l.* to bye a stokke off kye and

[1] *Rectius* 'Pycto' (*cp.* p. 35, l. 6; also *Subsidy*, p. 66).

shepe; and the sayd obbyt to be done and kepte in the church off Askby yerely for evermore with the incresse off the stoke; the wych iiij*l.* is in the handes off Olyver Lowell off Hornecastr'. And I wyll that John Tayler off Asby aforesayd have the sayd stoke to kepe my obbyt yerely as long and as many yeres as he plece to occupy the stoke; and he shall dele yerely at the day off my obbyt vj*s.* viij*d.*; that is to say, to the parysh prest to say dirige and messe iiij*d.*, and to the clerke ij*d.*, and to offer j*d.*, to waxe iij*d.*, to the ryngers iiij*d.*; and the resydue off the vj*s.* viij*d.* to be delyd in brede, ale and chese yerely at the day off my obbyt. And thus the stokke to be occupied evermore affter the forme above wrytten. And moreover when the sayd John is desposyd to delyver the stokke owt off hys handes, I wyll that he delyver it to what honest man he please, frem or sybbe, dwellyng in Asby; and the sayd honest man to fynde sewerty to the church masterys and the towneshepe off Asby for the stokke and the obbyt yerly. Resydue of my goodes to John Tayler off Asby, whome I make my executor to dispose in charytable dedes, [etc.]. Wyttnes heroff, Mr Robert Angewyn; John Tupholme; Wylliam Boner; and Sir John Gray off Belcheford.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 October, 1527. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF WALTER MELLE [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 55*d.*]

26 September, 1527. I Walter Melle off Fryskney. [*folio* 56] I will that Thomas my sone have my house in Wrangle be the space off xxty yeres for to fynde on obbyt in the church off Allhalows off Fryskney for my soule and the soule off Jenet my wyff, expendyng ij*s.* yerly; [remainder] to Grace my doughter, to her, her heyres and assygnes for ever. Also I wyll that affter my wyff have taken forth her stuff off howsholde, the resydue off my household stuff be devyded beqtwyx Thomas Mell my sone, Grace Mell my doughter, and Margaret Godffray by even porcyons. The resydue off my goodes to Thomas my sone, whome I make my executor. Thyes beryng wyttnes, William Plattes, prest; Robert Westmelles, prest; John Trowtyng; and William Trowtyng; and other.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 4 October, 1527. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PALMER [OF HORBLING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 51.]

6 October, 1527. I John Palmer off Horblyng. To Alson my wyff my dwellyng house in Horblyng with all the profyttes longyng to the same for the space off ij yeres. Also I wyll that on habyll prest syng for me on yere where John Gregge and Agnes hys wyffe wyll for the soulys off my father, mother and myn with all crysten soulys, and he to have for hys wagys v*l.* To Agnes Gregge my doughter on mazare with all my pottes, spyttes, cobyrns, basyns,

laverys, [etc.]; also my harelomys longyng to Spanbye for to be ther abydyng for evermore. I will that ther be yerly on obbyt kepyid in Horblyng chyrch for the soulys off my father, mother, myn and all crysten soulys with the rent off the house and off the closse longyng to the same att the south chyrch style; also to pay yerly rent j*d.* to the hygh alter, and on peny to saynt Nicholes alter forth off the rent off the house for evermore. The resydue of my goodes to John Gregge and Agnes hys wyff, whome I make my executors. In wytnes heroff, Sir Ric' Benton, vicar; Henry Atwyke; William Bardnay off Swarby; Thomas Fox off Skredyngton; John Webster off Spandbye; John Attwyke off Horblyng; John Barret of Belyngborow; with moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 November, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BATE [*sic*] OF PYNCHEBEK.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 111*d.*]

10 October, 1527. I John Bathe off Pynchbek. To my son Gilberd a foldyn tabyll that was Thomas Bathes, my father, [etc.]. I will that Alyson my wyff have my house that I dwell in and my hole landes to the tyme that Gylberd my son cum to the age of xxty yere, kepyng my house wyndtheyght and watertheyght, and my woodes unfellyd and unwastyd. And yff so be that my wyff furtune to be maryed, and he that shall mary her kepe not my house with sufficient reparacion, then I wyll that Robert Wapull have the custody off it, [etc.]. I will that Gilberd my sone enter clerly upon my house and landes at the age of xxty yeres; [remainder] to Robert my sone and to hys heyres off his body. Iff both decease with owt heyres off ther bodyes the house and landes to be sold and disposyd in dedes of charite. [*folio* 112] To Agnes and Katheryn my doughters. To Robert my son an acre off lande and a halff beyng in Molborne. I will that a honest priest do syng for my soule and my frendes soulys within the chyrch of Pynchbek. I will that my executors do bryng me honestly forth, and that they bestow at my beryng day xx*s.*, at my vijth day x*s.* and at my xxxty day x*s.* The resydue off my goodes to Alison my wyff and Robert Wapull [*sic*], whome I make my executors to bryng up my children, [etc.], and I will that Robert Whaplode [*sic*] have for hys labor x*s.* Thyse beyng wytnesses, Sir William Bewyk; Edward Sekylprice; John Goddysman; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BRADDOW [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 63.]

12 October, 1527. I John Braddow of Spaldyng. To Thomas Braddow my sone, at the age of xxiiij yeres, iiij acres off pastur grownde leyng att Wylke drevffe, buttyng off the landes off the prior off Spaldyng on the sowth, off the landes off John Clerke off the

weste, and off the same John off the north; and the forsayd Thomas shall pay to Margery Braddowe and Elizabeth Braddowe, my doughters, ether off them xx*s*., they beyng off the age off xx yeres. To Margery Braddowe on acre off pasture grownde lying in the Law gate [*folio* 63*d*.]; and if she dye or she be maryed, than I will it remayn unto Margaret Braddowe, my wyff. To Margaret Braddowe, my wyff, the forsayd iiij acres off pasture to the tyme that Thomas Braddow my sone be of xxiiij yeres of age. The resydue off my goodes to Margaret Braddow my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Robert Bawmbere to be supervisor. Thyes wyttnes, Sir Robert Gee; Thomas Gowe; Rycherd Austyndylle; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 29 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. BRUSTER [OF EAST KEAL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 73*d*.]

12 October, 1527. I Thomas Bruster of Esterkele, beyng seke off body. To Jenet my wyffe. To John Bruster my eldyst sonne. To John Bruster, my youngyst sone, a shedere calff, and yff that he dye within the age off xxj yeres, then I will that Alice Taylour, doughter to John Taylour the yonger, have it. I will the sayd John Bruster be honestly fownd and kepte in all condicions necessary at the coste off John Bruster the elder untill he be fully of the age off xxj yeres. [*folio* 74] To every chylde off John Taylour vj*s*. viij*d*. at the xv yere off ther age. To Margaret Taylour, my doughter. To William Strafeld off Willesby. To Gregory Bruster. The resydue of my goodes to be devydyd betwyx John Bruster the elder and John Bruster the yonger, my sones, whome I make my executores. I will that the reverent father, my lord Thomas the abbot off Revesby, be supervisor.

THE LAST WILL OF THE SAME.

Thys is the last will off me Thomas Bruster off Esterkele. I will that John Bruster, my eldyst sonne, have to hym to hys heyres and assygnes a messuage buyldyd lying in Esterkele, lately Adam Penyngton off Stykney, next betwyx the landes sumtyme Thomas Fosse off the north parte, and a certen lane callyd Kyrklane off the sowth parte, and bowndes upon the landes off the abbot and convent off Revesby toward the est, and upon the common way toward the west; also a tofte sted in the sowth ende off Esterkele, callyd Robertsone tofte, with a layth buyldyd thereupon lying next betwyxt the tofte off John Gregby off the north parte, and a lyttyll laine callyd Badlaine off the sowth parte, and bowndes toward the est upon the landes lately John Rede, and toward the west upon the common way; also v rygges off land sonderly lying in the sowth felde off Hundylby, off the wich iij landes ly together in a place callyd Sclawnd, next betwyxt the landes of Thomas Wryght off the sowth parte, and the landes off the prioresse and convent off Stykeswolde

and off other dyverse men off the north parte, and bowndes upon the landes off the sayd prioresse and convent toward the est, and upon the common suar [*folio* 74*d.*] towardes the west; other ij rygges off londe lying in the same felde next betwyx the landes off the prioresse and convent of Stykeswolde off the weste parte, and off the landes off Thomas Wryght off the est parte, and bowndes off the landes off the Lord off Willughby toward the northe; also a lyttyll crofte lying in Esterkele, off layt Hugh Eland off Sturton, lying next betwyx the landes off John Gregby off the south parte, and toward the est upon the hy way, and upon the landes sumtyme William Tedforth off the weste parte. To John Bruster, my youngest sone, to hym and his heyres and assygnes too tofte stedes buyldyd, lying in Esterkele, the on callyd Theker tofte and the other callyd Sweyttes tofte, with appurtenance, affter the manner and custome off the lordshyp off Bollyngbroke; and yff he dye before he be xxj yeres of age, [remainder] to John Bruster, my eldest sone, to hym, hys heyres and assygnes. Wrytten at Kele, the day and yere abovesayd, with thys wytnes, Thomas Burton, parson of Esterkele; John Tayllour, the elder, off the same; John Gregby off the same; and John Tayllour, the yonger, off the same; with diverse other.

Proved before P., at Spyllesby, 4 February, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of W. Astyn [of Weston].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 63*d*].

16 October, 1527. I William Astyn off Weston faithfully beleffyng in the articles off the fayth makes my will and testament. To Agnes my wyff. To the chylde that she is wyth a ruggyd hecfurthe. To Thomas my sone my house with vj acres land and iij roodes, to hym and hys yshew off his body; [remainder] to John Astyn, my sone, and to hys ishue off his body; [remainder] [*folio* 64] to the church of Weston, and on parte to be song for me and my good frendes, and the other parte to remayne to the said church. The resydue off my goodes to Thomas Astyn, the elder, and John Wethern, whom I make my executors. Thies wytnes, Sir John Gybson; Henry Edryche; John Marchande; with other.

Proved before P., at Spald', 29 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Robert Whytte [of Boston].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 64*d*. *The first section has been translated from the Latin*].

19 October, 1527. I Robert Whyte of Boston, make my testament, including my last will. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Botolph of Boston. I bequeath in the name of my mortuary that which right requires. To the high altar of Boston xij*d*. To the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the nurslings

(*nutritis*) without the walls of Lincoln ij*d*. To the gild of the blessed Mary of Boston iij*s*. iiij*d*.

Thys is the last will off me Robert Whyte off Boston, made the day and yere beforenamyd. To Robert Whyte, my sone, too fetherbeddes on better and on wors, on sparvar hyngyng over my bedde where I lye, on coveryng and on coverlett, two pare off flaxen schettes, on pare of blankyttes, on pillowe and a pillowbere, on littyle counter in the best chamber, on spruce chyst bounde with yren, on carvyd chare, on candylstyk, on bason, on laver, on bedsted, on towell, on spruce cover, and on sylver spone, to be delyveryd [*folio* 65] what tyme he cum to laufull age. To the same Robert after the decease off my wyff on goblet off sylver off xvj owncys weyght, or ellys iij powndes sterlyng. To Helene my doughter on fetherbed, on coveryng, on whyte tester with ij curtayns, ij pare off flaxen schettes, ij pare off herden schettes, on pare off blankyttes, on bedstyd, halffe a garnyshe off pewter vessell, too latten lavers, too latten basyns, on pewter basen, and on awmbre in the buttre, on spytt, on pare cobbardes off yron, one pare off tonges, on cownter lest off the neist, ij pillows, ij table clothys, ij towylls, thre cushyns, on chyst, ij candylstykkes and on cofer, to be delyvered what tyme she cum to laufull age or els the daye off her maryage. To the same Helene on goblet off sylver off xvj owncys weyght or ellys iij powndes sterlyng affter the decease off my wyff. To Brygytt my doughter on fetherbed, on coveryng, on whyte tester, ij curtayns with dooble valence, on bedstede, ij pare off flaxen schettes, ij pare off herden schettes, on pare off blankyttes, halff a garnysh off pewter vessell, ij latten lavers, ij basens, on awmbre orels vj*s*. viij*d*. in money, on spytte, on pare cobbardes, on pare tonges, on table off walnot tre, ij pillows, ij table clothys, ij towells, thre cushyns, on chyst off waynscott, ij candylstykkes, on pewter basen and on cofer, to be delyvered affter the maner off Helene. To the same Brygytt on goblet off sylver off xvj owncys weyght orels iij pownde sterlyng affter the decease off my wyffe. [*folio* 65*d*.] To Elizabeth my wyff the Whyte Herte acordyng to the tenure off my copy, duryng hyr lyff; and yff she deceasse with in the yeres off my copie, [remainder] to Robert my sone; [remainder] to Helyoner and Brygytt my doughters beqwyxt them, [etc.]. The resydue off my goodes to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Richer Hyckes to be supervysor. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Sir Robert Wytar, prest; John Gaiton; John Huchynson; John Browne; Edmunde Torner; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 31 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF J. FENDYKE [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 62.]

21 October, 1527. I John Fendyke off Pynchebek. To Geliane my wyff and to Simond my sone juntely together v acre off pastur grownde, that is to say, Symond to have the on halffe, and Gelyan

the other halffe to the tyme that Simond cum to the age off xxty yeres; and [then] I will that Symond enter upon the hole, hoilly to hym and to hys hares off hys body; [remainder] to Gelyan my wyff to the tyme that the chylde the wych sche is wyth cum to the age off xxty yeres; and [then], be it mane or woman, I will that it do enter apon the v acre, to hit and to the heires off the body; [remainder] to Gelyan my wyff the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] to be solde by the churchwardens; and the mony theroff takyn I will it be bestowyd in mendyng off the high ways within the towne [*folio* 62*d.*] and parysh off Pynchebek, wher as the church wardyns thynke most necessary, for the helth off my soule. The resydue off my goodes to Gelyan my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thyes beyng wytnes, William Bewyke, prest; Robert Ranoldsone; Ernold Koke; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 29 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KYDDALL [OF SOUTH FERRIBY, ESQUIRE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 68*d.*]

1 November, 1527. I Thomas Kyddall off Southferebe, esquyre. To Anne Kyddall and Heleyn Kyddall, my doughters, xx*l.* [apiece]. To Edward Kyddall, my brother, iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* To William Kyddall, my brother, iiij*l.* that I promysyd [*folio* 69] hym, and xx*s.* more to make it owt v*l.* To Margaret Kyddall, my syster, iiij markes. To Margaret my wyff all my messys, landes and tenementes in Southferybe, the wych I purchest off William Sheffeld, Robert Hoppkynson and Roger Myddelwood, for the terme off hyr lyff; and affter hyr decease, I [bequeath] the landes and tenementes the wych I bought off Roger Myddelwood to William Kyddall, my sone, and hys heyres; and [those] the wych I purchest off Robert Hopkynson and William Sheffeld I bequeth unto Thomas Kyddall, Philip Kyddall and Charles Kyddall, my sonys, and to ther heires and assygnes for evermore. To Mr William Tyrwyt, vj*s.* viij*d.* To Mr Robert Tyrwyt, knyght, xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, whome I make supervysor. The resydue off my goodes to Margaret my wyff and William my sone, whome I make my executors. Thes men beyng wytnes, Sir Roger Crosse, my curet; George Hudeswell off Horkstow, gent.; John Grymesby of the same; Ric' Dubler off South Ferybe; Gylbert Grymesbe off the same; and William Ferys off the saym; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Castre, 10 February, 1527. Admin. granted to Margaret the relict; reserving power to grant to William the son.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON FITZ RICHERD [OF SEDGEBROOK, KNIGHT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 126*d.*]

5 November, 1527. I Simond Fitz Richerd of Sydbroke, knyght. My body to be buryed in the chapell off Saynt Michell in

the church of Saynt Laurence of Sydbroke, and that that the law will for my mortuary. To the parson of the church for my forgotton tithes vj*s*. viij*d*. To our moder church of Lincoln xx*d*. To the awter of the same chapell of Saynt Michell a challys all gylte. I bequeth a vestement to Saynt Sythe in the church of Newbowe. To hys singler good master the ryght worshypfull Sir John Husse, knyght, a crossebow wyth certeyn schafftes and a racke therto. To Ric' the abbot of Newbo my gylte spone. To the house of Newbo iiij*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. to the intent to kepe on obbit yerly for the soulys of me and Dame Alice my wyff, expendyng yerly vj*s*. viij*d*., to be delyveryd by the handes of John Fitz Richerd, my sonne, or hys assignes. And the sayd John to have my sygnet of golde yerly to gyff to the sayd house of Newbo vj*s*. viij*d*. duryng the terme of xiiij yeres; and the sayd obbyt to indure the sayd terme; and ellys I will that the sayd Ric' and John to purches as myche lande to the valew of vj*s*. viij*d*. by yere over and abown all charge with the price and the valew of the sayd sygnet; and the sayd lande to remane in feoff$_3$ handes to the use of the obbyt for evermore. To Ric' Markham, my sone in law, my spanyels, howndes and grayhowndes, with a crosse bow and all that longes therto. To Laurence my servant and Robert Lebechylde ther hole quarter wages at Crystymmes, and ether of theym vj*s*. viij*d*., wyth ther borde to Crystymmes. I will that every priest beyng no parson have at my buryall day iiij*d*.; and every parson and vicar to have viij*d*., and every clerke ij*d*. I will that the sayd Ric' [the] abbat and John my sone shall [*folio* 127] bye a marbyll stone aftyr my departyng, and lay it uppon me and Alice my wyff. I will that my especiall good frende the sayd Ric' the abbot of Newbo and John Fytz Richerd my sone, whome I make myn executors, do devyde the resydue off my goodes and catalles in iij partes; the on parte I gyff to Elyn my nece, and the other ij partes I gyff to John Fytz Richerd and Simond, my sones, to be devydyd bytwene them. And I mekely require my especiall good Mr and frende, Sir John Hewsey, and Sir John Mordaunt, knyghtes, to be supervysors. Thes beryng wyttnes, Sir Thomas Alen, prest; John Marcert; Laurence Townlay; Richerd Blake; and many other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 November, 1528. Admin. granted to John Fitz Richerd in the presence of John[1] abbot of Newbo, who renounced.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ASSERBY [OF BILSBY, GENTLEMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 58*d*.]

14 November, 1527. I John Asserby off Byllesby. My body to be buryd in the church off Byllesby, and my best beast to be my mortuary as the lawe and custom ther will. To our mother church warke off Lincoln xij*d*. To the hygh alter off Trinite church off Billesby for tythes forgotten iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the warke in the sayde

[1] *Rectius* 'Richard,' as above. Richard Carre seems to have been abbot at this time.

church xl*s*. To the prior and convent off Markeby to syng a trentall for my soule and all cristen soulys x*s*. To all the iiij orders off the frears in Lyncoln to pray for my soule and all cristen soulys to every on off the sayd places iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Andrew my sone, or to whome it shall please God to be my ryght heyre, to be heyrlomes thyes parcels foloyng—a standyng cuppe holl gylt with my harnes alofte upon the coveryng theroff; a goblet, coveryd with the sayd harnes, parcell gylt; ij saltes gyltyd, the on with a cover and the other withowt; a drynking pott off sylver parcell gylt with a cover; di' a dosyn off sylver sponys with ymager off the Apostels apon them; a nother di' dosyn off sylver sponys with owt knoppes; a gyrdyll with a dymysyn gylt with a rede stone and vj perels and the coorse rasyd warke; a pare off corall beades with vij sylver gawdes gyltyd; and a sygnet off gold with myn armes; with all my household stuff wych is myn awn propre, wych I wyll be put in a inventory by the syght off myn executors and the vicar off Byllesby, my curat. My said brother Sir Andrew to have the custody off all the sayd goodes duryng the noneaige off my son Andrew, or els off any other that shulde be my next here. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to my brother, Sir Andrew Byllesby, and to Cicile my wyff, whome I make my executors. I wyll that my brother, Sir George Henage, archedeacon off Oxforth, be supervysor. Thies to wytnes, Sir Robert Lyndley, vic' off Byllesby; Sir William Raynnold, prest; and Robert Gybson; wyth other moy.

[*folio* 59] Thys is the last will of me John Assarby off Billesby, gentylman, mayd xiiijth day off Novembre, 19 Henry VIII [A.D. 1527]. I will that my feoffys in all my landes and tenementes, pasturs and fedyng places in Assardby, Yngolmells, Hogesthorpe, Slothby and Langton stande and be seasyd to the use off my will, as more playnly doyth appere by a dede off feoffment theroff mayd. Secundarie, I will that my sayd feoffes suffer my brother, Sir Andrew Byllesby, on off my executors, to resayff all the proffyt the space off ix yeres, to thys intent, for the fyndyng off Andrew Asserby, John Asserby, George Asserby and Margret Asserby, my chylder, liij*s*. iiij*d*. each induryng the sayd ix yeres. The resydue remaynyng off the sayd landes, [etc.], to be devydyd betwyx the sayd John, George and Margaret. I will that the said Andrew Billesby have the custody as well off my sayd chyldre as off my sayd landes to the behoyff aforsayd induryng the ix yeres; and [then] my said feoffes shall stande and be seasyd to the use off Andrew Asserby aforsayd and to his heyres. I will my feoffes in all my landes and tenements in Billesby stande and be seasyd to the use off Cicilie my wyff, accordyng to the dede theroff mayd, and also accordyng to a pare off indenturs off couandes off mariage, [etc.].

Invitory off all the household stuff wych was bequethyd to be heyr lomes to Andrew Asserby and to the ryght heyrys off John Asserby, wych was bequethyd by the sayd John Asserby, whose soule Jhesu pardon.

PARLER.

Fyrst in the parler j pentyd hyngyng off canwes ; Item on long saddell; Item on cownter off the lest sorte ; Item too gret carrod chystes ; Item on borden chare ; Item on forme ; Item on bordenyd bed stede ; Item on lyttyll chyst [*folio* 59*d.*].

LITTILL PARLER.

Item ij bed stedes, the on bordenyd, and the other not ; Item on saynt John hede off alibaster.

CHAMBER OVER THE PARLER.

Item on chyst with evidence boune with yren ; Item on plane chyst ; Item on bordenyd bed, with j trundell bede ; Item on yelow sperver off dornyx ; Item on payntyd hyngyng off canwes ; Item iij thrawyn charys ; Item j hole garnyshe off vessell off the new turne ; Item on basyn and j euar off pewter.

HALLE.

Item on grene payntyd hyngyng off canwes at the hygh dese ; Item on carvyd cupbord with ij awmbres and on slotte ; Item on carved long sadle off wanescott ; Item ij thrawn longe sadells ; Item on thrawn chare ; Item on fowldyn tabyll ; Item on forme.

GALLORE CHAMBER.

Item ij bordenyd bed stedes ; Item ij spervers off dornyx ; Item ij new fether beddes garnyshyd ; Item on hold fether bedde with iij bolsters ; Item on payntyd hyngyng off canvves ; Item iij cownter poyntes off v*erder* warke ; Item on fustyan pillow and ij other pillows ; Item on redde coverlyd with byrde warke ; Item on grene coverlyd with verd*er* warke ; Item on yalow coverlyd with warke ; Item iij holde whyte coverlydes ; Item iij pare off blankyttes ; Item v mattressys ; Item ij coverynges off wholyn for tables ; Item on bancker for the hall ; Item vj coschyns with bestes upon them ; Item on fowldyn table.

LAW PARLER.

Item ij pare off bed stokkes ; Item on payntyd tester for a bedde.

BOTRE.

Item ij gret boll candylstykkes and on lesser ; Item on lattyn basyn with a rose in the myddes ; Item on chaffyng dyshe withowt horys ; Item iij holde platters ; Item ij holde dyshes ; Item on holde candylstyk ; Item on tabyll in the botre [*folio* 60].

KYTCHYN.

Item ij gret pannes ; ij lesse pannes ; on mydlyng panne ; on gret brasse pott ; iij lesse brasse pottes ; ij lytle brasse pottes ; j posnet with a stert ; on other with broken fete ; on chauffer with a brokyn mouth ; on panne with a sterte ; Item on lattyn ladell ; Item on gret spyt ; Item ij lesse spyttes ; Item on byrd spyt ; Item on pare off lytyll yrne cobberdes ; Item on led ; on mashe fatt ; on gyle fatt, and on stepe fatt with a kylneheire ; Item on hold cawthorn ; Item on kymnyll with a coveryng for saltetyng fleshe ; Item on poll axe.

NAPRE WARE.

Item ij lyn towells; Item on towell lyke dyaper warke; Item on napkyn off dyaper; Item on lyn table clothe off v yerdes; Item ij harden table clothes off ij yerdes and di' the pese; Item on herdyn towell off ij yerdes and di'; Item vij table napkyns; Item on pare lyn shettes off iij bredes; Item on schet for a woman that lyes in chyld bed; Item ij hed schettes; Item vij pare lyn schettes; Item on pece off lyn for towells off xiiijth yerdes; Item ix pare off harden schettes.

FOR THE FYRE HERTH.

Inprimis on pare off gret tonges tynnyd; Item j yren forgan for the fyre, tynd; Item a fyre skomer, tynnyd.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 21 December, 1527. Admin. granted to Andrew Billesby, knight, and Cecily the relict, the executors, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD RUDSCHWYN [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 63.]

14 November, 1527. I Richerd Rudschwyn off Pynchbek. I will that my lande remayne to my next hayr male and, for defawte off such hares, to the hares generall. To Thomas my sone j lattyn laver. The resydue of my goodes to Robert Gawnte and John Clyffton, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, John Tolye, prest; Hewe Cost; William Russyll; with other.

Proved at Spalding, 29 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BROWNE [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 62*d.*]

16 November, 1527. I Richerd Browne off Gedney in Holland. I will that Margaret my wyff have my messe and the iij acre and halffe off grownd att Pynstoke the tyme of hyr lyff, and affter hyr departyng I wyll it shalbe solde and disposyd in celebracion of an honest preste, so long as it will extend, for hyr and me. The resydue of my goodes to the disposycion of Margaret my wiffe, the wych I make my executrix, and John Nicolson supervysor. Thes wyttnes, Robert Gamson, chaplain; Henry Alson; Thomas Leyffue; with other moo.

[*folio* 63] Proved before P., at Spalding, 29 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. ROBERT [OF BARROW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 69*d.*]

21 November, 1527. I William Robert off Barrowe. I will that John my eldest sone shall have viij acre lande and ynge with in the lordshyp off Barton paying therfore yerly to the kyng ij*d.* ob. I will that the chauntry preste off Berrow shall have owt off the sayd land yerly xij*d.* To Jenet and Agnes my doughters. The rest

off my goodes to Elizabeth my wyff and Richerd Robert, my nevy, John Robert and Richerd Robert, my sonys, whome I make mine executors. In wittnes heroff, Sir James Apleyerde; Benet Tenetby; Thomas Kyrk; William Swyne; with other mooy.

Admin. granted to the executors.

[THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BROKEBANKE OF THORPE IN THE FALLOWS].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 222.]

25 November, 1527. I Robert Brokebanke of the parich of Thorp in Falloys. My body to be buried in the church yerde of Mary Mawdelyne of Thorp aforesaid, with my beist goode for my mortuary. To the hye alter of Thorp iiij*d.* To the reparacions of the cath' church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To Stowie church. To Skamton church. To Camringham church. To my wiff Beatrice my copy which I dwell in, enduryng her lyff; [remainder] to my son Clement. To my brother Thomas the copye which he dwellith in. To John my son oon copye in Bransby. To my son Clement on copye which I helde of Nocton. The residue off my goodes to Beatrice my wiff and Clement my son, whom I ordeyn myn executours. Thes beyng wittenesse, Sir John Morgatride, vicar ther; John Smyth; William Symkynton; and John Stor; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SMYTH [OF BRAUNCEWELL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 60*d.*]

4 December, 1527. I Robert Smyth off Brawnswell. To Emott my wyff a mese with the appurtenanc3 lyeng with in the town off Brawneswell; [remainder] to Richerd my sone, off thys condicyon, that he schall pay to Cecilie and Johan my dowghters xx*s.* [apiece]. Also I wyt to Richerd my sone a quarter of barly, [etc.]. To Alice, Isabell and Agnes Smyth. To John Carter and Lawrence Thorpe, my servants. I bequeth to have a trentall to be songen and said for the helth off my soule and all my good frende soulys. Resydue to Emot my wyff and to Richerd my sone, whome I ordeyn my executors. Thyes wyttnessyth, John Sqwyer; Robert Clerke; Robert Burton; and Richerd Coke; with other. Yeven at Brawnswell the day and yere above sayd.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 4 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MUMBE [OF IRBY UPON HUMBER, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 67*d.*]

6 December, 1527. I John Mumbe off Irby next Gret Grymesby, husbandman, ordeyne and devyse thys my testament to stand for my last wyll. To everych off my godchyldren a scheder schepe. To Sybyll Chapman. To Alice Henryson. I will that ther be a honest

prest off good conversacyon to syng for me on hole yere and he to have iiij*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To my sheperd, John Smyth. To Richerd Mumbe, my brother, xx*s.*, to hym and to hys chyldren, [etc.]. To John Mumbe, my neve, vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* when he cumys att the age off xxjty yeres; and other vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* affter the decease off my wyff, when he begynys to occupy for hymsellf; the wych [*folio* 68] vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* rest in the handes off William Owstoly. To John Clerke off Tetney; yong John Clerke, hys sone; John Carter; Robert Carter; and John Boythby. The resydue off my goodes to Jenet my wyff, to occupy terme off hyr lyff; and she to dispose them for my soule and hers and all our good frendes soulys. The wych Jenet I make my cheyff executrix, and John Mumbe, my neve, a nother executor, with the advice and counsell off William Owstoly, the wych William I will be supervysor. Thes wytnes, Richerd Mumbe, my brother; Jenkyn Frankys off Irby; John Kelke; John Smyth; and John Keythlay; off the same.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 8 February, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of W. Ball [of Kirton in Holland].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 61*d.*]

8 December, 1527. I William Ball off the parysh off Kyrton in Holand. My body to be buryed in the chyrche yerde off the holy appostells Peter and Paule off Kyrton. To Agnes my wyff on house standyng at Fenne House the term off hyr lyff; [remainder] to Agnes Smyth otherways callyd Agnes Cryer, to hyr and to hyr heyres off hyr body; [remainder] to be solde be iiij off the most honest and discretist men for the tyme dwellyng in the sayd gate callyd Fen House, and the mony theroff takyn to be disposyd in mendyng and makyng off the hygh way lying ther at Fen House, as they shall thynke most expedyent for the helthe of my soule and all cristen soules. The resydue off my goodes, not wytt nor bequethyd [*folio* 62], I gyff to Agnes my wiff, whom I make my executrix. I make Richard Grene supervysor. Wyttnessyth, Sir Thomas Est; Alan Blisbery; William Rawlyns; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 28 January, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of T. Leeke [of Boston].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 79.]

12 December, 1527. I Thomas Leeke wonnyng in the fen ende wythin the parysh of Boston makes my testament. I wytt my soule to God Almyghtty, [etc.]. To Agnes my wyff ij acr' land lying in the parysh off Skyrbek, the terme of hyr lyff; [remainder] to Thomas Leeke, my kynsman, in fe sympill. To the said Thomas Lek a brass potte that was hys grandammys; also a berne, other wyse callyd a lathe, standynge within Skirbek parishe, withe halfe a stonge of grounde that it standeithe apon, in ffee simple; and the

said Thomas to gife to John Leeke and Richerd, his broders, vj*s.* viij*d.* [apiece]. I witte to the said Thomas on chiste calleid a narke, and iij weves of lyn' clothe hynginge at my bedes ffeeite, and all the residew of the hyngynges, [etc.]. To Janeitt Claye. To Richard Leeke. The residew of my gudes to Agnes my wife, whom I make my executrix. John Leeke to be supervisor. Thies beynge witnesse, Sir Th' Harbye, preste ; John Claye ; and John Rybe ; withe other moo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HALTUN, LATE ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, [MERCHANT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 201*d.*]

12 December, 1527. I John Haltun of the citie of Lincoln, marchaunt. My body to be buryed within the parysh church of St. Bennetes wythin the suburbys of the citie of Lincoln before the stall wher I do use to syt. To the high alter of the sayd church for tithys forgotten iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the warkes of the sayd church for the romthe of my buryall x*s.* To the edefying of the same church and church warkes xx*s.*, under thys condicion, that the parysh preste for the tyme beyng shall every Sonday, when that he dothe reherse the beades, reherse my name and pray for my soule and all crysten saullys. To the gylde of our Lady foundyd in the same churche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the warkes off our Lady in the monastery of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.*, wyth my hope of golde. To the Fysher gylde at saynt Bennytes aforesayd ij*s.* To the Cordwaner gylde in Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* To our Lady gylde foundyd in the church of saynt Marys ij*s.* To the Clerk gylde xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, under thys condicion, that every yere of the day of ther feste at the rehersyng of the saulys of ther brether that they shall reherse my name, and for my soule do pray with on *Pater noster*, on *Ave Maria*, with on *Credo*. To the order of the whyte frerys in Lincoln x*s.* To every order of frerys in Lincoln besyde iij*s.* iiij*d.* To our Lady gylde callyd the gret gylde in Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the gylde of saynt Anne on gowne of satten in brydgys. To the gylde of saynt Thomas foundyd att saynt Swythuns xij*d.* To the plough gylde xij*d.* It is my wyll that of the day of my buryall shall be done ij trentallys of messys, on emonge [*folio* 202] the seculer prestes, and the other to be done emong the religios prestes and frerys, within the church of St. Bennyttes. I wyll that the same day of my buryall shalbe to pore people distributyd *obelus* dole. I will that the same day shall be dystrybutyd to xiij pore men xiij*d.* It is my wyll that Agnes Haltun my wyff shall have my house of the high bryg of Lincoln, wych I do dwell in, duryng her lyff ; [remainder in succession] to Thomas Haltun, my eldest sonne, Robert Haltun, my sun, John Haltun, my sun, Mare Haltun, my doughter, and Elizabeth Haltun, my doughter, and to the heyres of their bodies ; [remainder] to the parysh church of saynt Bennytes

for evermore, under thys condicion, that the church wardens for the tyme beyng shall cause on obbyt to be done in the sayd church, distributyng yerly at the obbyt vj*s*. viij*d*. after thys maner : that is, to x prestes iij*s*. iiij*d*., to the clerke of the church for ryngyng iiij*d*., in offeryng j*d*., in wax iiij*d*., to the belman of the citie for goyng thrugh the citie iiij*d*., and in bred and ale to the paryshioners and pore folkes beyng at the sayd obbyt ij*s*. iij*d*. And yff it so happen that the church wardens do not kepe the yerly obbyt accordyng to my will and the day of my buryall or within too days before or aftyr, that then I will that my sayd house remayn to the commen chamber of Lincoln for evermore. [*folio* 202*d*.] To Agnes Haltun, my wyff, my house with the garthe in the parysh of saynt John the Evangelyst duryng her lyff ; and after the decease of her to remayn unto on of my chylder wich she be disposyd to gyff it to. To my chylder, Thomas Haltun, Robert Haltun, John Haltun, Mare Haltun and Elizabeth Halton, ych on of them to ther partes vj*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*., to be delyveryd to them in plate and money when that they be at the age of xxj yeres. And yff any of them departe of thys worlde before that they cum to that age that be the lawe they may set a testament, then I will that parte of that chylde so departyng remane emong all the other chylder beyng alyve. And yff it happen that all my chylder do departe of thys worlde before that they cum to laufull age to make a wyll, that then all the partes of them to be song forth with on prest in the church of saynt Bennet so long as that money and plate will extende. Provydyd alway that all my chylder shall be founde of my goodes to suche tyme that they be at the age of xxj yeres. To Anthony Atkynson the house the wich is in saynt Margaretes parysh with the tak of saynt Catheryns longyng to the same house, under thys condicion, that he shall pay unto my wyff and my chylder the summe of iiij markes of money. And yff he will not pay the sayd summe, then my wyff shall have it her lyff, and aftyr her departyng to remane to on of my chylder wich she be disposyd to gyff it to. And yff all my chylder departe before my wyff, then she to dispose the sayd house and the house in the parysh of St. John Evangelist as she thynkes best. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Agnes Haltun, my wyff, whome I orden my executrix. I will that John Meterson, my fader [*folio* 203] in lawe, and Sir Thomas Leche, vicar of St. Maryes in Lincoln, be my supervisors, and ether of them to have for ther labors xx*s*. In wytnes, Sir John Shakylton ; Robert Skynner ; William Wylson ; William Burton ; William Sowthe ; with other moy.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 16 August, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET ALMUN OF MELTON MOWBRAY, [CO. LEICESTER, WIDOW].

[LYLE, *p*. 95.]

13 December, 1527. I Margayte Almun, late of Melton Mow-

bray, wedow. My body to be buried in the churche yarde of owr lady of Mellton, and my best goode to my mortuary, as costome and maner reqwyred. To owr lady of Lyncoln ij*d.* To my sone, Roger Johnson, a serten sylwer hernest gyrdyll, the wiche gyrdyll ys in did leve [*sic*] to my doghter, Alys Scarborowe, and sche haith ytt styll in hur costody. To my forsayd sone Johnson v*l.*, the wich v*l.* Master Thomas Scherott dothe owe me of dewty ffor serten bargayns betwix hym and me. [*page* 96] To my sone Roger xx*s.* that my sone Johnson owe to me of dewty. To the hee aulter of Melton a sertyn bordcloth of dyaper to make a aulter clothe of. I gife a grene coverlett and a blake gown that I were daly to Joys Samson of Thrope. The residewe of my goodes nott bequest I gife to my sone, Roger Johnson, of Melton, the wich Roger I orden my executor, ffor to dysp' my goodes ffor the proffett off my soull as he thynkyd moste necessary. And Sir Robert Barnebye to be superwicer, late prest of Melton. Theis wytnes, William Watson; John Thornton; John Stokker; Sir Robert Barnebye, curett; wythe dywers moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS SKOFYN OF REEPHAM].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 221*d.*]

29 December, 1527. In the name of Gode so be it. I Thomas Skofyn. My body to be beried in the churche of the aposteles sent Peter and Paule in Repham, with my best thyng for my mortuary. To the said churche for my beriall iij*s.* iiij*d.*; and iij*s.* iiij*d.* if the pariche will make a seler over the roode loft, els not. To the proctour for tiethes forgoten iiij*d.* To the vicar for the same iiij*d.* To our Lady warke at Lincoln iiij*d.* To sent Hewes hede iiij*d.* To iiij pariche churches, that is to say, to Fiskerton, Cherrywillingham, Nethilham and Sudbroke. To Richard Wynture a qwe and a fole. To Robert my sone. To Jenet my dogter. To the foore houses of Freers in Lincoln, to every one of them a stryke of barley or els xij*d.* I will that my wife have all here goodes that she browght with her to me, my costes and charges deducted and paid. The residew of my goodes I gyve to John Skovyn, to Rechard Skofyn, my brother, and to Avarey Hanson, my son in lawe, they to dispose them to the profett of my cheldren, that is to say, Robert and Jenet. I make the vicar of Repham supervisor. Moreover I will that if other of my said childre decesse or they com to laufull age, than is [*sic*] goodes to remayne unto that other; and if both, as God forbed, so decesse, than I will that ther goodes be disposed in charitable dedes for the helth of my saule, [etc.]. Per me Johannem Smyth, clericum. Thies beyng witnes Sir Robert Wilkynson, vicar of Repham; John Hopkyn; John Bischoppe; and Robert Townend.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BAWKOKE [OF WALTHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 67.]

12 January, 1527. I Robert Bawkoke off Waltham. To Jenet West, daughter off John West. I will that they shall doy at my yere day the space off iij yeres, ryng, and gyff [*folio* 67*d.*] serten brede and drynke in the church, as they may doy, and cause messe to be sayd for the helthe off my soule every yere. I will that John Weste have my house wyth the appurtenance wythin the town off Waltham, to hym and hys heyres off hys body; [remainder to] be solde and disposyd for me and my wyff and hym with other frendes. Yff he fall in povertye and stand gret neyd, then I will that he sell it and helpe hymselff with all. The resydue off my goodes not wytt I bequeth to John West, whom I make my executor. Wytnes heroff, Sir William Yeff, chaplain; Thomas Pottes; George Butterfeld; Robert Hewcofft; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 8 February. Admin. granted to the executor.

[THE TESTAMENT OF SIR THOMAS STAMPER[1]] [PARSON OF AISTHORPE].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 222*d.* *Collated with another copy at f.* 217*d.*, *which is referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

14 January, 1527. I [Sir[1]] Thomas [Stampe[2]], parson of Asthorp. My body to be buried in the chauncell byfor sainct Petur [off Asthrop[1]], and my best goode to be my mortuary. To warke of our Lady of Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* To the hye alt' of the same iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the iiij orders of Freys [in Lincoln[1]], every ordre to have iij*s.* iiij*d.* To every preist that is at my buriall that saith masse viij*d.*, and he that saith non iiij*d.* To Sir William Taliour vj*s.* viij*d.* [and he to an oyle me and bury me[1]]. I wytte to Sancte Margarete of Kettysby a sylver spone. To Saincte Cithe off the Akle[3] a silver spone. Also at my buriall to every man and child within the parich a peny. And to all other as myn executours thynke where it is nede and charitable to have a peny. To every god childe that I have both man or woman iiij*d.* To John Amcottes a blatte stakke[4] of ij yer age com the tyme. To Mr. John Shefeld and to his wiff a blake cutted kowe. To Mr. Alexander Amcottes the corne that groith upon his awne lande, and xx*s.* if it so be that he wilbe so goode mr. to my frindes and kynsfolkes, and to forther theym in ther right in all causes. To [the werk of[1]] the church of Astherp xiij*s.* iiij*d.* I will that Elizabeth my servant have all her awne propre goodes; and I wytte her be sides the best kowe in my garth,[5] [etc.]. To Richarde and Robert, my servants. Also I will that ther be a preist

[1] Omitted from the copy at folio 222*d.*
[2] 'Stamper' in *A.*
[3] 'Egle' in *A.*
[4] 'blak stag' in *A.*
[5] 'yarde' in *A.*

to syng for me a hoolle yer. To Marion [Stampe[1]], my servant. To Alexander [Stampe[1]] and Margaret his sister. To Sir Xp'ofer Bretan a gowne with a tache of sainct Petur keys. To Thomas Bell and Mr. William Dymmok. To maistres Mergat Dymmok a litle maser which Mr. John Torney and my maistres his wiff gave unto me. To Sir Thomas [Stampe[1]][2] my counter if it fortune hym to have a dwelling place in this cuntre. To Elizabeth Cooper [*folio* 223] my servant. The residue of my goodes unbequethed I will that Robert Stampe of Hakthorn, my brother, John Stampe of Brotilby, George Stampe of the same, William Stampe of the same and Thomas Stampe of Hakthorn dispose it for the helth of my saule, whoom I make myn executours, and Mr Thomas Dymmok to be supervisour and to determe all maters that is or shalbe in variaunce. Wittenesse herof, Sir John Richardson, Sir William Taliour, pristes; John Pate; and Thomas Browne; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT LOWND [OF BOSTON, BUTCHER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 113*d.*]

16 January, 1527. I Robert Lownde off Boston, bocher. To Thomas Lownde, my eldest sone, William, my yongest son, Catheryne Lownde, my eldest doughter, and Elizabeth Lownde, my yongest doughter. I will that the bequestes off my said children remane in the handes off Richerd Hyckes unto the tyme that the chyldren cum to the age off xxjty yeres or mariage, [etc.]. I will that the vj*l.* xij*s.* the wich I lent the kyng, yff yt come, that it be devydyd emong my iiij chyldren, [etc.]. To Agnes my wyff all my household stuff, [etc.], the wich Agnes and Richerd Hyckes I make my executors. Thes beryng wytnes, Sir Thomas Cersy, [*parysh prest*[3]]; Sir Thomas Gybson; William Harcastyll; Edmund Turner; and Thomas Farelam; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 31 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS GRENAM [OF BEEBY, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 87.]

20 January, 1527. I Nicholas Grenam of Beby, being seke in body. My body to be buried in the chirchyarde of Beby. Also I bequieth my best gode for my mortuary. To the mother chirch of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the hee aulter of Beybe iiij*d.* [*page* 88], and to the belles xx*d.* To Thomas Grenam, my sone, a shode carte, [etc.]. To Alys Grenam, Jone Grenam and Emotte. I will that Augnes my wife, as long sche kepys my name, haife the tenamentt in Grenam, and aftur to return to Thomas Grenam, my sone; and

[1] 'Stamper' in *A.*
[2] *A.* is incomplete, and stops here.
[3] Struck through.

he to haife it in maket wyght all maner of proffettes to ytt belonging; and I wyll that he with his bequestes be at the order of Ric' Byschope. To Richet Byshope and to John Grenam a cote clothe [apiece]. And when I ame broght whoom, and my dettes paid, my other good not bequieth I bequieth to Augnes my wyfe, the wich I make my executrix, and Ric' Bishope supervisor. Theis witnes, Sir Richett Webbe; Thomas Wymbe; John Rodes; withe other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT TONNE OF NALISTON, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 110.]

30 January, 1527. Robert Tonne of Nalyston. My body to be buryed in the churche yard of Naliston, and for my mortuary as custome [*page* 111] required. To the church of Naliston. To owr lady of Lyncoln ij*d.* To Thomas and John my sonnes. The residew of my goodes nott bequieth I gife to Augnes my wyffe, Henr' my sonne and William my sonne, the wich I mak my executors. Wytnes therof, Thomas March, prest; Ric' Barwyll; Roger Pachet; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ADAM SYMSON OF MULTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 112*d.*]

2 February, 1527. I Adam Symson of Multon. To Thomas my sone vj marke when he cumyth furth off hys prentysshyp. To Johan my doughter xxvj*s.* viij*d.* when she is maryed, [etc.]. To William my sone xl*s.* when he is maryed; also to him and the heyres male off hys body my house at Godard Brygge, and on pasture off v acres that lyes in Lawgate, to enter to the same when he is xvj yeres off age; [remainder] to John my sone and the heyr male off hys body. To Adam my sone and hys heyre male off hys body my house in Lookes Gate; [remainder in succession] to Thomas and William my sones and the heres male off their bodies; and for lak off such heres male, I will the kyrkewardons off Multon shall sell all the landes, and with the money fynde on able prest the space off ij yeres for the helthe off my soule and all my frendes soulys in the kyrke off Multon. I will that Jenet my wyff shall have my house to Adam my sone be xxiiij yeres olde, and then he shall enter into it; and I will he gyff is mother brede corne and malte and honestly to fynde hyr duryng hyr lyff. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposicion off Jenet my wyff and Adam my sone, whome I ordeyn my executors; and Robert Hareby supervisor. Wyttnes heroff, Sir Thomas Carter; Robert Hareby; Thomas Gere; with other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 28 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

[THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS RAWSE OF SCOTHERN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 230*d.*]

12 February, 1527. I Thomas Rawse, hoole of mynde and seke in body. My body to be buried in the chirch of sainct German of Scothorn. I bequeth for my mortuary my best beiste. To the hie alter viij*d.* Item vj*s.* viij*d.* to a light for our Lady for ever. To the church of Scothorn vj*s.* viij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To iiij howses of the Freres of Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* To Jenett Rowse, my doghter, fowr markes and her moder rewarde. To Hatton church iiij*d.* To Hakthorn church iiij*d.* The residue of my goodes I giff theym to my wiff and to John my son, whome I make myn executours. Thies beyng wittenes, Sir Brian Warde, curate; Thomas Asgerby of Steynton; Ric' Noble; and Henry Matte; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD NONEWYK DE BOSTON, [DRAPER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 113.]

15 February, 1527. I Richard Nunwyk of Boston, draper. I will that all my goodes off my schoppe and my house be devydyd betwyx Helene my wyff and my chylder; she to have the on halffe and my chylder the other halff. And yff all my chylder dy with in the age of xxj yeres or before they be maryd, I will the forsayd chylder goodes the on halff be disposyd for my soule, and Helene my wyff to have the other halff. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposicion off Helene my wyff and John Benman, whome I make my executors. Wytness', Sir Andro Hedley off Boston, prest; John Pape; William Clay; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 30 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CLERKE OF BUTTERWYK.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 115.]

19 February, 1527. I Thomas Clerke off Butterwyk. To Agnes Rabe. To Alice Howyt. To John, my sone, my house with the purtennance, ij acres off arable lande and iij stonges yng, to hym and the heyres off hys body, off thys condicion, that he pay to Jenet my wyff yerly duryng the terme off hyr lyff iiij*s.*; and yff he dye with owt [such] heyres, the [premises shall be] solde, and the money theroff be disposyd in the sayd church in fyndyng a prest to pray for my soule and all cristen soulys. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposicion off Robert Gybson, whome I make my executor. Wyttnes heroff, sir Thomas Picto; George Wylson; John Gybson; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 30 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

[THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PYBURNE OF WINTERINGHAM].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 230.]

20 February, 1527. I John Pyburne of Wyntryngham, seke of body. My body to be buried in the churche of all halowis in Wyntryngham, and my best beist to my mortuary after the maner of the countre. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hie alter of Wyntryngham xij*d.* To the kyrke warke of Wyntryngham iij*s.* iiij*d.* I will that ther be too lyghtes founde before our Lady, and thereto I gyve xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To John, my sone, viij markes, and a howse that I dwell in, late purchest of John Spynethorn, and a plough with the drawght. To William my sone viij markes and my howse by the churche. To George my sone viij markes, and ij howses with a lath. To Jenet, Elen, Esabell, and Marget my doughters. To Thomas my sone one howse called Tryppe howse, after the decesse of my wiffe. To Robert Williamson a shoed carte, [etc.]. All ther howses be fore witte and gyven to my children, I will that Margarett my wiffe have them for terme of her lyve; and I will that she have the ruell and orderyng of all my cheldren with their partes to they come at lawfull age, [etc.]. To Alice Abye. To Alice Abye the yonger. The resydue of my goodes to Margarett my wyffe, the wiche I ordene my executrix. Witnes herof, Mr. Thomas Myddilton; sir Nicholas Hewerson; Nicholas Robertson; Robert Vessy; James Wryght; Richarde Abye; Thomas Thomson; Robert Esterfild; with moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GODERT [OF NORTON BY GALBY, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 101.]

23 February, 1527, 19 Henry VIII. I John Goddert of Norton. My body to be buried in the church ȝarde of sanct John of Norton. I bequieth for my principall my best beyste, as custome hys. [*page* 102] To the church of Lyncoln ij*d.* For my lightes ij*s.* To Lossebe church xvj*d.* To Bebe churche xx*d.* To Hungarton church xx*d.* To the gilding of All Hallows off Norton xx*d.* I will that ther be deltt the day of my buryall in brede vj*s.* viij*d.* To Craythop church xvj*d.* For a trentall x*s.* To John Goddert. The residew of my goodes to Mawld my wife, the wich I mak my executrix; sche to dispose for my soull, [etc.]. I make Wiliam Goddert my sonne the superwysor therof. Witnes, the wicar of Norton; Wiliam Goddert and Mergate hys wyfe; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF PHILIP THARROLD, BOWER.

[VARIOUS, *f.* 74*d.*]

27 February, 1527. I Philip Tharwolde. To Jenet Tharwolde, my doughter, xl*s.* in mony and iij sylver sponys, ij dooblers off the

best, [etc.]. The resydue off my goodes to Katheryne my wyff for to dispose for my soule; whome I make my executrix; and Sir William Moyses to be supervisor. I will that yff my wyff mary agane, than the fornamyd parcelles gevyn to my doughter be delyveryd to Sir William Moyses for to kepe for her behoyff; and yff she dye with in age, [etc.]. Wyttnes heroff, Sir William Moyses; Mr. Bartholimew Wyllesforth; Edward Crossefeld; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 13 March, 1527. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN LANGHOLM [OF CONISHOLME, ESQUIRE].
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 129*d.*]

27 February, 1527. I John Langholm of Connysholme, esquire. I bequeth unto the bying of a cope and a vestement unto the church of Connysholm liij*s.* iiij*d.*, and the same to be takyn of the issues of my landes. I will that my executors fynde on honest priest to syng in the church off Connysholm by the space of iiij yeres for my soule and all crysten soulys, and he to have for hys labor xx*l.*, and the same to be takyn of the yssues of my landes. To Humfrey my sone all my hole housholde and ij sylver pecys, ij saltes and xij spones, wych is all my plate, to be delyveryd to hym when he shall be off the age of xxjty yeres. To every shon off my yonger sonnes on copull of bredyng swannys, to be delyveryd unto them when they shall be of the age off xxty yeres. And all the resydue of all my swannes I bequeth to Humfrey my sonne. I will that my cosyn, John Lyttylbery, wyth other cofeoffes in my landes stand seasyd in all my landes lying in Conysholme, Louthenay, Somercotes, Thedylthorpe, Trusthorpe, Sutton, Skegnes, Wynthorpe, Burght in the Marshe, Freston, Wrangle and Butterwyk or elsse wher unto the use of my wyll, and aftyrwarde to the use off Humfrey my eldest sonne. I will that every on off my fyve yonger sonnes, that is for to say, X'pofer, George, Henry, Francisce and Anthony, have landes and tenementes yerly duryng ther lyffes to the clere yerely valew off iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, to be assigned by the discrestion off my feoffes and executores; the remaner over unto Humfrey my sonne. I will that yff ther be any dowt founden herafter [*folio* 130] in any article or articles of thys my last testament or will, then I will that all suche articles be reformed and orderyd by my cosyn, John Lyttylbury, and other such as he will devyse, [etc.]. I will that my executors have all ther costes and chargys in rydyng, goyng or any other besynes had for the performance of my will. To Thomas Toynton, my godsun, xij*d.* To Robert Bagott xij*d.* To Matild' my wyff my seconde best bede with all thapparell belongyng therunto. The resydue of my goodes to my executors to dispose them for the helth of my soule. I ordyn my cosyn, John Lyttylbery, to be my executor, and he to take on other at hys plesur to occupy with hym. Thyes whyttenes, Sir Thomas Laurence, parson

of Connysholm ; Edmund Madyson ; Thomas Toynton ; Alayn Grene ; with other.

Admin. granted to the relict.

[LINCOLN DIOCESAN REGISTRY, INVENTORIES i, no. 54.]

THYS INVETOR' MAYD THE XXVIJ DAY OF MARCHE IN THE ȝERE OF OUR LORD GOD MCCCCCXXVIJ OF THE GOODES OF JOHN LANGHAM OF CONYSHOLM ASWYER, PRAYSED BE WYLLAȝ BROWGHT WYLLAȝ BAGGOTT ROBERT HELFYN AND JOHN MAYSON

	£	s	d		£	s	d
In primis in the hall j cownter		6	8[1]	It' ij syd tabules		3	4
It' the hangynges in the hall		6	8	It' ij formes			8
				Sum		17	4

IN THE CHAMBER

It' j federbed with all thynges thereto perteyng		16		It' iiij pylloberes			16
It' j old conter			12	It' j federbed with a boster		6	8
It' j chyst		2		It' iiij pyllows		2	8
It' j lytell tabull			4	It' in the parler j federbed with j coverynge		6	8
It' ij furmeres			4	It' iij pyloberes			12
It' j hangynge		3	4	It' in the nether parler j federbed with a coveryng and a boster		10	
It' j old chyst			4	It' ij chares and j furme			12
It' vij pare of lynynge shettes		23	4	It' ix cowshynges		9	
It' vj pare of hardynge shettes		10		Sum	4	16	8
It' iij towelles			12				
It' j tabull clowth			8				

IN THE LYTELL PARLER

In primis j bed with a materys and a coverlyd		3	4	It' v jakes		20	
It' in on other chawmber j bed with ij materys and a coverlyd		2		It' j pare of almmenrenyttes		10	
				It' viij pare of splynttes		10	8
				It' ij salyttes		3	4
				It' j hangyng		2	
				Sum		51	4

[1] For the sake of convenience the amounts have been translated from Roman into Arabic figures.

IN THE BUTTERY

	£	s	d		£	s	d
It' primis ij peses of sylver	5			It' j chawynge dyshe			16
It' ij salttes of [*blank*]		40		It' v candylstykes		3	4
It' xij sylver spones		30		It' xij napkynges		2	
It' j holl garnyshe of old puter		20		It' iiij tabull clothes		5	
				It' lytell cowbord		2	
				Sum	10	3	8

IN THE KHETCHYNGE

In primis v brasse pottes	15		It' j fryynge pane			8
It' iij pannes of brasse	13	4	It' brolyngyern			6
It' ij spyttes and j pare of cowberdes	2		It' j pare of mosterd querns			16
It' brokyn brasynge morter	2		It' ij dresynge bordes			8
			Sum		35	6

IN THE BRUHEWS

In primis 1 bord	3	4	It' 2 saltynge trowghtes and 1 bord		2	
It' 1 pare of malt quernes	2					
It' 3 tobbes	3					
			Sum		10	4

IN THE STABULL

In primis 1 hors	13	4	It' 1 cowpull of sters		24	
It' 3 ȝonge mares	20		It' sters		10	
It' 1 cowpull of oxen	53	4	It' 5 ȝonge bestes		23	4
It' 6 kye	3					

IN THE YARD

In primis 1 wayne with all thynges pertenyng therto	5		It' 2 plowghes		2	

IN THE WOLL HOWS

It' 60 stons of woll				12		
			Sum	22	11	

In toto [43*l.* 5*s.*[1]] 10*d.*

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES ERNOLDE [OF GOSBERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 140*d.*]

28 February, 1527. I Agnes Ernolde, vidowe, off the parysh of Gosberkyrke. To Robert Dethe the yonger on acre of lande lyeing in Kyrton, called Heland land, to hym, hys heyres and assignes. To John Chaterys, Agnes Chaterys and Helen Chatterys, chylder of John Chatterys of Pynchbek, every on of them iij*s.* iiij*d.* when they come to the age of xxij yeres. And yff they all dye or

[1] Illegible.

they cum to the [said] age, I will that the money be devydyd to the chylder of Robert Dethe of Gosberkyrk. The resydue of my goodes I gyffe to Robert Dethe the elder, the wich I make my executor. Thes wytnesses, Henry Topplys, preest; John Ransun; Henry Morrabull; John Deneyll; wyth other mooy.

Proved at Swyneshed, 29 January, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MARYNG [OF WAINFLEET].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 324.]

2 March, 1527. I John Maryng of Waynflet makyth thys my testament. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of All Saintes in Waynflet. My mortuary as the lawe requiryth. To our lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare in the churche of All Saintes in Wainflet xij*d*. To our lady gylde xij*d*. To st. Jamys gylde xij*d*. To st. John gylde xij*d*. Resydue to Alice my wyff, Johanne and Elizabeth my doughters, to be devydyd emonstest them by equall parcellys, whome I make my executrices. Thes wytnes, Richerde Tyrwhyt, preste; Thomas Kytlok; and Hugh Woodroyff; with other mo.

15 July, 1531, 23 Henry VIII. Thys is the last will of me John Maryng of Waynflet. I will that Alice my wyffe have the terme of her lyff my capitall mesuage whiche I dwell in and ij acres of lande and pasture therto belongyng late purchasyd of Thomas Barrat; too acres in Newcroftes late purchasyd of Richerde Denes; iiij acres of lande arable lying of the sowthe syde of the crosse by the kyrke way; and one house at the haven syde lying in the parysh of All Saintes in Waynflet. And aftyr her decesse I will that the capitall mesuage and ij acres of lande and pasture therto belongyng remayn to the heyres of my body, accordyng to my father will. Yff it fortune my sayd wyff to be with a man chylde, I will that all my mesuages, landes, [etc.], whiche to me discendyd aftyr the decesse of my father, excepte suche as be wyllyd to Alice my wyff for terme of her lyve, remayn to hym, hys heyres and assignes for ever; [remainder], excepte iiij acres of pasture lying by Colyson Gayll, Tynkettyng and suche mesuages and landes as I have gyven to Alice my wyff, to my nexte heyres for ever. I will that all other my purchasyd landes [*folio* 324*d*.] and Tynkettyng be in my feoffes handes to the use of Jenet, Elizabeth and suche other woman chylde as my wyff is wyth, to them ther heyres and assygnes for ever. I will that the foresayd iiij acres of pasture lying by Collyson Gayt be in my feoffys handes for the terme of ten yeres, therwith to fynde an honest preste for one hole yere, and he to be payd by my executrices, and they to have the disposycion of the sayd iiij acres duryng the sayd terme. And [then] I will that Jenet, Elizabeth and suche other woman chylde as my wyff is with shall have the sayd iiij acres and all the housys and landes bequethyd to Alice my wyff for terme of her lyve, to them ther heyres and assignes for ever.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 14 October, 1534. Admin.

granted to Alice the relict, reserving power to grant to Joan and Elizabeth the daughters, when they shall come to lawful age.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS TATTERSALL OF BENYNGTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 115*d.*]

2 March, 1527. I Thomas Tattersall off Benyngton, makes my testament concludyng my last will. I will that William my brother have all my land in Benyngton and Leuerton to hym and hys assignes, to bryng up hys chylder with, excep v stong off lande in Benyngton that I will that John Tattersall, the son off William Tattersall, shall have at xxjty yeres off age in fe simpill. The resydue off my goodes I gyff them to William Tattersall, my brother, whome I make my executor. Thes wytness', Sir W. Stedman off Benyngton ; Ric' Clerke ; John Johnson ; William Clerk ; with other moy.

Proved at Boston, 30 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER WYLMAR [OF ENDERBY,[1] CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 97.]

4 March, 1527. I Roger Wilmar, seke in body. My body to be buryed in the churchȝarde of sanct John Babtyst by the watur.[1] I bequiethe my best best to be my pryncipall. To owr lady of Lyncoln ij*d.* To my chyldur Robert, Roger and Grace x*l.* to them and the longest lewer of them. To sanctes Johns by the watur a quarter of maltt and a stryk of wheyt. The resydew of my goodes not bequieth, my dettes payd and I broght home, I gyfe them to my wife Jone and my sone Robertt, my executors. Theys wytnes, Sir John Hall, curett ; Thomas Bramford ; and Ric' Sele ; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET TEGON [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 41*d.*]

8 March, 1527. I Margaret Tegon, wydow, off Gedney in Holand. I will that John Maret have iij acres and iij roodes off ground to the terme off hys lyffe, upon thys condicyon, that he shall fynd a yerly obyt for me with in the church off our lady off Gedney ; and affter hys departyng I will it shall remane to hys heyres and assignes for ever, upon thys condycyon, that they shall fynde a yerly obyt for me and for my good frendes so long as the worlde shall endure. And yff they kepe not thys obbyt, the church wardyns shall have the grounde, and cause the obyte to be done yerly. To Wylliam my sone. The resydue off my goodes I put to the dysposycyon off John Maryte and Phylipe Symson, whome I

[1] A family of Wilmar was settled at Enderby, co. Leicester, in the 16th and 17th centuries (*British Record Society's Publications*, xxvii, pp. 65, 116, 148, 162, 194 ; *ibid.*, xxxviii, p. 453). The church there is dedicated to St. John the Baptist ; and John Hale was curate of Enderby and Whetstone in 1526 (Salter, *A Subsidy*, p. 100).

make myne executors. Thies wyttnes, Robert Ganneson, chapleyn; John Maryte; Phylyp Symson; Wyll' Deken; John Thorne; with other more.

Proved before P., at Boston, 16 May, 1527. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM EYNOLD OF BYKER.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 111.]

8 March, 1527. I William Eynold off Byker. To Jenet my wyff the house that I dwell in and my landes lying under it, with a nother house annexyd therto, wych is callyd Wraske house, and my land callyd Suppultoffte, with all my yng and ffen, the hole terme off hyr lyff; also I give to her my hempe lande on the house, and my halff acr' callyd the Harpe to sell to pay my dettes. Affter the decease off the said Jenet my wyff, I will my sayd housys with the landes lying under them remayn to Alice my doughter in fee symple; my lande callyd Suppultoffte to remane to Elizabeth my doughter in lyke estate; and my yng and fen to be equally devydyd betwyx my sayd doughters. To Alice my doughter a spruce chyst, [etc.], at the day off hyr mariage. The resydue of my goodes to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Sir Robert Johnson the supervysour. Thyse wyttnesses, Sir Thomas Meltom; Robert Whytelam; William Martyn; Robert Mason; Thomas Puluer; Stevyn Tonerde; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 27 March, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WATER [OF LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 84.]

8 March, 1527. I John Watur, marcer, seke and febull in body. My body to be buried in the parich church of sanct Peters in Lecestur, and therffor I gife and bequiethe a crusifix to the sayd church. I bequieth ffor my principall my best garmentt. [*page* 85] To the hee aulter ffor my tethinges xij*d.* To the mother church of Lincoln ij*d.* The resydew of my goodes my dettes paide and content for all thinges past wich my wife knowith or remembr' fully, I gife to Johan my wyfe to kepe hur ande my childeren, and I mak hur my executrix, and Robert Grene owersear. Wittnes, John Warde, wicar; William Sharpe; Edmownd Grene; John Beatee.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT TUBMAN OF GAUDEBE, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 78.]

9 March, 1527. I Robert Tubman of Gaudebe, seke in body. My body to be buryed att the parich churche of Gaudebe. I bequieth my best good for my mortuary aftur [*page* 79] the custome of the churche. To the pariche churche of Gaudebe vj*d.* To the mother

churche of Lyncoln ij*d.* I gyfe and bequieth aftur my dyscesse and my wyffys unto my yongest sone John my son [*sic*] my hows and my lande that hys in gaudebe; and if so be that my son John departt owtt of thys worlde withowt yssue, I gife to Robert my sone and his chelderien; gife so be that he departt withowtt issue, I will ytt go to Wiliam my sone and his chelderen; gife so he departt witheowtt childeren I will it go to Elesebeth my doghter; and gife so sche departt, I will it go to Thomas my sone and childeren; and gife so be that yt pleise [*sic*] that all thes departt withowt issewe, I will that thys howse and lande schall goo to the parich church of Gawdebe to pray ffor my soull and wyffys and my children, my ffather soull, my mother and all chrysten soulles. To ewery one of my childeren anowe and a lambe. Also I will that my sone Thomas clame no nother childes partte of goodes, for I haife giffyn hym afore thys a cowe, a halfe a quartar of malt, the price of yt iiij*s.*, and therfor I will he schall haife no nother partt. I make my ffeoffers John Byrde of Lytill Leike and Wiliam Frisbe of Schalfforthe, other weys callyd William Schepart the yungar, to se that this howse and lande stonde to the use of my wyfe duringe hur lyfe and, after hur discesse, to the use of my childeren. Also I mak my sectors my wife [and] Wiliam Grene. Wyttnes, Thomas Glenne; and Nicholas Kechen.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BOWSWORUTH OF EUERTON, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 98.]

10 March, 1527. I Robert Bowsworuthe of Euerton, seke in body. My body to be buryed in the churche yarde of the sayd Owerton. I bequeth ffor my mortuary a cow resting in the handes of William Smythe of Whytweke. To owr laidy of Lincoln ij*d.* The resydew of my goodes to my ij sonnes William and John to be wydyd betwyx them att the discrestion of my sonne Sir Robert and master Thomas Stocar,[1] parson of the same town. I make my executors my sayd ij sonnes; and owersears Sir Robertt and mastur Thomas. Theis witnes, the said Mr Thomas; Sir Raif Hethcowe; with divers moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BUTLER OF FRESTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 113.]

11 March, 1527. I Richerd Buttler off Freston. To Jenet Butler my doughter. I will the childe that my wyff is with all yff it be a sone, I will that he have on acre and a halffe land in fe simple; and yff it be a doughter, then I will that my doughters have my acre lande and a halffe in fee simple at xvjth yeres off age; and yff my wyff lyff sole, then I will that she have all my chylder partes her

[1] *Rectius* 'Storar' (*Reg.* xxvii, f. 128; *Subsidy*, p. 112).

lyve, [etc.]. All the resydue off my goodes to Agnes Butler, my wyff, to helpe her and my chylder ther with, whome I make my executrix. Thes wytnes, Sir Michell Kyghley ; Peter Ben ; and John Sylam ; with other mooy.

Proved at Boston, 30 March, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE FRAUNCE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 112.]

12 March, 1527. I Alice France, widow. I will have a honest prest to syng at saynt Peter alter a hole yere for my husband soule and myn and all cristyn soulys, and he to have for hys labour v*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* To Thomas Bell my house, and he to gyff to the chylder off the sayd Thomas and Margyt hys wyff vj*l.* when they cum to the age off xxjty yeres. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposicion off Thomas Bell, whome I make my executor. And John Hyll to be supervisour and Robert Renoldson. Thies wytnesses, Ric' Belle off Pynchbek ; Thomas Gariet ; and Thomas Steberd ; with other moo.

Proved at Spalding, 28 March, 1527.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BURTON [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 46*d.*]

17 March, 1527. I John Burton off Gedney in Holand. I will that Emme my wyff have my mese and vj acres off grounde that it stands upon, off the Abbuth fee, and ij acres at Brymbyll dyke, and xiiij acres in Ravyns draw, to the tyme that John my sone cum to the age off xxj yeres, and then it shall remane to John my sone to hym and hys heyres off hys body ; [remainder] to Wylliam my sone and hys heyres off hys body ; [remainder] to be devyded to my iij doughters, Anes, Alys and Helyn. Also I will that Emme my wyff have my messe wyth iij acres off grounde that it standes upon, off the Abbuth fee, and iij acres in Brymbyll dyke, and viij acres and di. in Hartforth, to the tyme that William my sone come to the age of xxj yeres ; and then it shall remayn to Wylliam my sone to hym and to hys heyres off hys body ; [remainder] to John my sone and the heyres off hys body ; [remainder] to be devydyd to my said iij dowghters. [*folio* 47] The resydue of my goodes I putt to the discrecyon off Emme my wyff and John Mayne, whom I make my executors. Thes wittnes, Robert Samson, chaplan ; Richerd Bryge ; Thomas Burde ; John Grene ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Gedney, 18 July, 1527. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GERSBY [OF OSGODBY].

[L.C.C., 1538-40, *f.* 52.]

18 March, 1527. I John Gersby of Osgotby in the paryshe of Kyrkby. My body for to be buryed within the churche yerde of Kyrkby. To the high altare of our mother churche of Lincoln ij*d.*

To William Gyrsbe, my sun. The resydue I will it be devydyd as the lawe will unto Mawde my wyff and my children. I do make Mawde my wyff and William my sun my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, John Woodleyff; Nicholes Croyft; with other mo.

Proved before Pope, at Estrasyn, 8 April, 1538. Admin. granted to Maud the relict, reserving power to grant to William the son, when he shall come to lawful age.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BRANSON OF SADINGTON, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 81.]

1527. I Thomas Branson of Sadington. My body to be buryed in the church ȝarde of Sadington. I bequiethe to my mortuary as costome requires. To owr mother chirch of Lyncoln iiij*d.* To ye chirch of Sadington v*s.* To a honest preste x*s.* to singe a trentall for me and my guude frendes. To Lorans Branson, Symonde Branson ande his wife, Thomas Branson, Robert Hether, Robert Frislay, and John Gilbert. To my maydyn. The resydewe of my goodes to John Branson my sons wife and hur childeren to be dewydyd among [*page* 82] them by the mynd of Wiliam Clarke of Sadington, whome I make my executors and also Symond Branson wrytyn executor [*sic*]; and master Pygot to be owersear. Wytnes herof, Sir Thomas Soden; Thomas Alreit; and Robert Brymyn.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF HERRY LE OF BAGWORTHE, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 102.]

1527. I Henr' Leey of Bagworth. [*page* 103] My body to be buryed in the church or churchȝarde of Thorneston. To the mother church of Lyncoln iiij*d.* To my mortuary my best best as use and custome is. To the pariche church of Thorneton a torch of wax. To the chapell of Bagworth iij*s.* iiij*d.* The residew of my goodes to Isabell my wyfe, Thomas my sonne, and Thomas Ley my brother, whome I mak my executors; by the owersighte of Robert Jakys, bayley ther, and Wiliam Ley, my brother; withe this wytnes, Sir William Bolton, preste; Thomas Ley.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BROWNE [OF FISHTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 120*d.*]

28 March, 1528. I Richard Brown of Toft. To Thomas my sonn my hous in Boston standyng in a place calleid the Hospitall, withe a stonge of pastur grounde to the said house, also too acre and j stonge arrabile land lying in a place calleid Fulyarstofte, also on acre of arrabile land in a place caleid Shorte Fen landes, also on acre and haef arrabile lying in a place calleid Quares, to hyme and to his heers of his bode; [remainder] to the children that god

haithe sent or schall send betwixte Jamys Shalloke my son in lawe and Janett my doghter. To the said Thomas ij brase pottes; the on of theym is in the kepyng of Robert my son, [etc.]. Resideu of my gudes to Jamys Shalloke and Thomas Broun, whome I ordene myn executors, that they schall brynge me ferthe withe solem dirige and mase at my beruill, vijth daie and xxxth daie, [etc.], withe help and gude councell of Master Dacombe, whom I will shall be supervisor. Thies beyng witness, Mr. Dacombe; Sir Robert Borell, Ser Richard Parker; withe other moo.

Proved before P., at Kyrketon, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE PORTYNGTON [OF BARTON ON HUMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 121*d.*]

1 April, 1528. I George Portyngton of Barton upon Humbre. To George my brother sone. To Edward Portyngton a qwy, etc. To Agnes Hopkynson. To the reparacion off saynt Nynyan chaple xvj*d.* As towchyng the disposycion off all my landes and tenementes both in Lincolnschyre and Yorkeshyre I will that Anne my wyff have them both freholde lande and copye holde lande, that is to say, in Barton upon Humbre and Humberstone in the county of Lincoln and in Howdan, Laxton, Skelton in Howdan, Aslebe, Snathe and Carlton in the countie of Yorke, for hyr lyff; [remainder] to William Hygdon, hys heyres and assygnes; they [*folio* 122] doyng aftyr thys manner as here aftyr folowys, that is to say, they shall, aftyr the dethe off my wyff, fynde a prest by the space off iiij yerys; and the sayd prest to have for hys stipend yerly v*l.*; and aftyr the sayd iiij yerys they shall make evermore lastyng, ons in the yere, a obbyt to the valew off x*s.* to pry for my soule and all crystyn soulys wyth placebo and dirige. Also I will that Edward Heynde, Thomas Bryan, John Browne prest, John Wyche, Xp'ofer Forman and William Hygdon, my feoffes namyd in a deyd off feoffment wych bearys date off yere and reigne off kyng Henry the viijth xixth, ther heyres and assygnes shall stande and be feoffes of trust off and in all the premisses in Lincoln schyre and Yorkeschyre specyfyed in the sayd dede, to the same intent as is before rehersyd; provydyd that yff any of [the premises] specyfyed in the dede be taylyd, and a lawfull dede ther of be fownde, that then the [premises] so taylyd to go accordyng as the law and conscience requires; and the sayd William Hygdon hys heyres and assynes to do for that lande that is fee simple that they shall have accordyng to ther discrestion and conscience. The rest of my goodes not bequethyd nor wyt, I gyff to Anne my wyff, whome I ordeyne and make my executrix. Thyes to wyttnes, Sir John Byrde, Sir Thomas Hopkynson and Sir John Brown, prestes; Edwarde Heynd, gent.; William Burkyll; with other.

Proved at Lymber Magna, 5 August, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HERYNG [OF IRBY IN THE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 114*d.*]

3 April, 1528. I John Heryng makyth my last will. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Alhallows off Irby, with my best beaste in the name off my mortuary. To our lady warke off Lincoln vj*d.* I wytt to our lady alter off Lincoln vj*d.* To the church werke off Irby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Thomas and Alex' my sones. To Alice my doughter. I wyll that aftyr the decease off my awnte, my house att Bekelles shalbe solde by my executrice, and she shall gyff every on off my forsayd chylder theroff xl*s.* And yff any off them decease with in age, then I will they be heyres on to another. The resydue off my goodes not witt I gyff to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrice, that she may bryng up my chyldren and dispose for my soule [etc.]. Wyttnes, Sir John Vero; Thomas Heryng; Alex' Whytyng; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Partenay, 5 May, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM GREGORE [OF ASFORDBY, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 82.]

4 April, 1528. I Wiliam Gregore of Hasforby, seke in body. My body to be buryed within the church or chirchyarde. In the name of my mortuary my best beyste. I will that owr lady of Lincoln haife vj*d.* To the hee aulter viij*d.* To the church of Forlay iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the stone bryge vj*s.* To the sepurtur light iij*s.* iiij*d.* I make my executors Ellen [*page* 83] my wife and Thomas my son [and] Wiliam my son, to dyspose my goodes to the plesure of God and wele of my soull. Theis wytnes, Sir John Grene, preste; and Sir Roger Woddus, preste; and Thomas Gredun.

[*No probate act.*]

[THE TESTAMENT OF LYON SWANNE OF GAINSBOROUGH, DRAPER].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 229.]

4 April, 1528. I Lyon Swanne of Gaynesburgh in the dioces of Lincoln, draper. My body to be buried in the church of Alhaloes in Gaynesburgh. I giff for my mortuary my best horse. To the hie alter of Gaynesburgh for tithes forgotten viij*d.* To the Trinite gilde, the Plough light, sainct Johnes light and the Sepulcur light iiij*d.* [apiece]. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d.* To Isabell Swanne my doghter iiij*l.* in peny and peny worth, at the sight of Thomas Topcliff, the vicar of Gaynesburgh, Sir John Thesamonde and Myles Staveley, John Smyth, and William Preist. To Thomas Kechyn. To Sir Thomas Aderton x*s.* to syng a trentall in the church of Gaynesburgh for my saule and for all the saules that I am most bounden to pray for. I will that Isabell my doghter shall have iij silver spones. I will that Mr. Thomas Topcliff, vicar of Gaynes'

shalbe the supervisour. To Sir Thomas Thesamonde. To my sister of Boston on harnesshed girdell. To Jenet my doghter a pair of Messynden bedes. I will that William my son shall have all my goodes. To William my son my howse in Stowie, and I make him my executour. Thies bying wittenes, Mr. Thomas Topcliff, vicar of Gaynesburgh; Sir John Thesamond, Sir Thomas Aderton, Sir Simon Wallington, preistes; Edwarde Topcliff, gentilman; John Smyth; Milys Staveley; and William Preist; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS QUADRYNG [LATE OF CAREBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 142*d.*]

6 April, 1528. I Thomas Quadryng, late of Careby, makyth my testament and last will. To the Rode of Laynton iij*s.* iiij*d.* yerly to go furth of my house in Staynflete, co. Lincoln, duryng the space that the law of Ingland will admitte; [remainder] to my heyres. With wich iij*s.* iiij*d.* I will ther be founde v tapers of wax to burne before the sayd roode in the worshyp of God; and also a obite day for me to be kept yerly duryng the sayd terme, to pray for my soule and all crysten soulys, [etc.]. To the rode of Nawnbe yerly iij*s.* iiij*d.* to go furth of my house at Braceby, to fynde v tapers of wax in the worshyp of God to burne before the sayd rode for the terme of lxxxxix yeres next ensuyng; and aftyr the sayd terme endyd, the sayd house to remayn to my heyres for ever. I will that my executors have my copy holdes in Careby; and they or on off them to gyff yerly duryng ther lyffes v*s.* sterlinge to fynde a lyght before the blessyd rode of Burle in the countie of Rutland, in the worshyp of God. I will that so long as the lawe will admitte it that iij*s.* iiij*d.* sterlyng shall go furth of my house now in the tenur of on [*blank*] Grene, lying in Leke, to fynd a lyght to burne before the blessyd rode in the frers at Boston in the worshyp of God. To our blessyd lady of Myddyll gate on messe boke, on challys and on vestement, [etc.]. To my doughter Jane Sapcotes and to Edward hyr husband all those my messes, maners, londes and tenements in Southroc'by, Northroceby and in Lynsey, to have to them and to the longer lyffer off them and to the heyres of the body of the sayd Jane; and for defawte of such issue, [remainder] after the decesse of the sayd Edward and Jane, [as to the premises] in Lynsey and Leyke to Lyon Quadryng and to hys heyres of hys body, [and as to] the manerȝ, [*folio* 143] [etc.], in Southroceby and Northroceby, to Thomas Quadryng, the sone of William Quadryng, and to hys heyres for ever. I will that yff my doughter Jane or any other persons do lett and dystourbe myn executors in the executyng of thys my wyll, than myn executors shall sell [the premises] in Rocebe, and the on halff of the mony therof cumyng to be gyffyn to the sayd Jane, and the other halff myn executors to have toward the performans of thys my will. To my son Edward Sapcotes my best gown and a dowblyt cloth of blak satten, [etc.]. I will that all my landes

and tenementes in Grantham goo to fynde a prest to pray for my soule and my wyffes and the soule of Richerd Curtes with all my frendes soulys and crysten soulys for the terme of lxxxxix yeres. I will that my feffers releysse all ther interest and title unto my executors yff it be requisite to be done for the performance of thys my will. I will that the prest of my sayd chauntre from tyme to tyme shall geve my iiij beydhouseȝ in Grantham, of the yerly valew of iiij*s.* apece by yere, to pore men aftyr the forme as they now be and hertoafore have bene occupyed. I will that the sayd Edward and Jane Sapcoteꝑ be the donours of thys my chauntre in Grantham, and the heyres of the body of the sayd Jane; and yff she decease wythout such issue, than I will that, aftyr the decesse of Edward and Jane, William Quadryng and hys heyres be the donours. To the gray frerys of Grantham a picture or image of our blessyd Lady. Also I will that the sayd frerys shall have and perceyve yerly x*s.* sterling to goo furth of such landes and tenements as I have in Courbe, co. Lincoln, to fynd a lyght to burne before the sayd image in the worshyp of our Lady with in the church of the sayd frerys for terme of lxxxxix yeres. Also I will that iij*s.* iiij*d.* sterlyng be payd yerly to the image of our Lady of Brygdyke to go furth of my landes and tenementes in Braceby [*folio* 143*d.*] to fynde a lyght or a lampe to burne before the pictor ther, in the worshyp of God and our Lady, for the terme of lxxxxix yeres. Also I will that my sone Edward Sapcotes have the leyse of Roceby graunge, for wich leyse I payd to the abbot of Swyneshed for hys good will and the coventes vj*l.* sterlyng, for wich vj*l.* the abbot and the convent grauntyd me to have the leyse under the convent seale for the terme of xl yeres to begyn wythin on yer next, yeldyng therfore yerly to the abbot and hys successors xxvj*s.* viij*d.* sterlyng; [remainder], yff my doughter Jane decease wythowt issue of hyr body, and aftyr the dethe of the sayd Edward, to William Quadryng and hys assygnes; he or hys assygnes therfore to give and pay unto an honest prest xx marc' sterlyng to thentent that the same prest shall go diverse pilgremages to holly sayntes wher my executors or my next kynnesmen then shall thynke most best. I will that therbe payd furth of Roceby garth yerly so long as the law will admitt xij*d.* sterlyng to the church of saynt Peter of Roceby to fynde a lyght ther before the image of saynt Peter in the worshyp off God and saynt Peter. I will that ther be xij*d.* a yere for the terme of lyve of my executors yerly forth of copy holde of Careby; and it to be distributyd in brede and ale, and gyffen to the paryshioners of Careby from tyme to tyme in the days of Rogacions callyd Crosse weke. I will that vj*d.* a yere in lykewyse be geven to the wardens of the sepultur to helpe to mayntein the lyghttes abowte the same at Careby; the sayd vj*d.* to go furth of my sayd copy holde lande in Careby yerly duryng the lyff of my executors. I will that my house with the londe therto belongyng, that on Con dwellyth in, in the towne of Osburnby be solde, and the summes of the money thefore payd I will that the same helpe to pay my dettes, [etc.]. The resydue of my goodes I bequeth

to Edward Sapcotes and Jane hys wyff, tenderly [*folio* 144] requiryng them to se and cause thys my last will in every article to be performyd. I orden Edward Sapcotes, William Quadryng, esquiers, [and] sir Richerd Greve, the parson of Ropesley, myn executors. And I make superviser Robert Husey, esquier, to whom I will that 5*l.* sterlyng be geven. Wittness', Nicholes Slator, prest; Thomas Storer; Robert Jessop; William Caruers; John Bady; and Launcelat Crosser; [etc.].

Proved before P., at Grantham, 15 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. SCOWNDER [*sic*] [OF STICKFORD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 116*d.*]

19 April, 1528. I Thomas Sawnder off the parysh off saynt Helene off Stykforth. I will that the house wych I do dwell in remane to Isabell my wyf to the tyme that Thomas my sone be at laufull age, that is for to say xxjty yeres. And yff he decease before that age, I will the house remane to hys brother, yff my wyff be with chylde wyth a sone, when he cum to the age off xxjty yeres; [*folio* 117] [remainder] to hys susters Isabell and Margaret, and ether off them to be other heyres. Also I bequeth the close to my wyff the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] to Thomas my sone, excepte that she stand so gret nede to sell it. Also I will the thre landes that I bought off Henry Coott be solde; and the on halff off the mony therfore takyn to be gyffyn to the church off Stykforth, and the other off the money to be gyffyn to my doughter Isabelle. To the sayd Isabelle ij landes in the Southfelde in the Halff acres; and on lande in the Westefelde off Kele named Dieth. To Margaret my doughter on lande in Westerkele felde, otherwase namyd Toffte felde; and another lande in Westetublande; and iij gaddes in the ynges off meadowe grounde; and ij landes lying in the Weste felde; and iij gaddes lying in the Mar. To Thomas my sone my copyse off my yeres when he cumys to the age off xxjty yeres; [remainder] to the next survivor off my chyldren, so that every on off them shall be other heyr; [remainder] to the church off Stykforth. Resydue off my goodes to Isabell my wyff; and off thys my testament I make Henry Lownde and Isabelle my wyff my executors. Thyse wyttness', Jamys Tyldesley; John Wryght; Thomas Lownde; John Clay; Ric' Deryng; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Spyllesby, 6 May, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PRESTON OF BEKYNGHAM.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 155*d.*]

20 April, 1528. I William Preston, hole in mynde and saff in body, dredyng the perell of dethe, makes my last will, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the chapell yerde of Fenton in the parysh of Bekyngham. My best good to be my mortuary. To the hygh alter

of Fenton xij*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vj*d.* To the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln every on of them iiij*d.* To the frerys of Grantham ij*d.* To my godchylder every on of them iiij*d.* To Isabell my sun doughter xx*s.* To Robert my servant, Thomas Henryson, Thomas my broder, Robert Preston senior, Robert Preston iunior, and John hys broder. I bequethe to fynde a laumpe in Fenton church before our Lady and saynt Michell di' a quarter of sede barly. I wyll that my wyff and John my sone be my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Edward Rodes; Edward Horner; William Holand; and Robert Preston; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' NEVELL [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 123.]

26 April, 1528. I Richerd Nevell off Kyrton in Holand, makyth my testament, concludyng with my last will. I will that the house the wich I do dwell in, aftyr the decease off Matild' my wyff, be solde be my feoffers off the sayd house, and with the money therof takyn they or ther assignes to hier a laufull prest to syng for me and Matild' my wyff and for all our frende soulys in the church of Kyrton so long as the mony will extende. I gyff on halffe acre lande lying in Smaldyke, aftyr my decease, to the chauntre prest and hys successors of the fundacion of sir Roger Bellows, sometyme vicar, to the ende and terme of lxxx yeres and xixth; and so be renuyd be my feoffers to the sayd use. Resydue off my goodes to Matild' my wyff, whome I ordeyne my executrix. Wyttnessyth, sir Thomas Est; Ellys Forman; William Cram; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Kyrton in Holand, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CHELYS.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 119.]

2 May, 1528. I John Chelys. To Robert and William my sones, and the chylde that my wyff is with all, [*folio* 119*d.*] at the age off xiiij yeres, [etc.]. I bequeth x*s.* for a trentall off messys to be done in my parysh church aforesayd.[1] I will that Robert my sone shall have iij acres off my lande lying at the Se lathes, and on acre lying at Parkys, and on acre lying in Newlandes, to hym and to the heyres off hys body; [remainder] to William my sone and to the heyres off hys body; [remainder] to the chylde that my wyff is with all and to the heyres off the same; [remainder] to be solde and disposyd and the price theroff to be bestowyd to on honest priest to syng for the soulys off me and my frendes. The resydue off my goodes I putt to the disposycion off Elizabeth my wyff and John Kelwyn, whome I make my executors. I make William Betson

[1] The church has not been previously mentioned. Perhaps the testator lived at Moulton, for John Kelwyn and William Betson seem both to have belonged to that place (*L.C.C.* 1547, f. 227; 1532-4, f. 223).

supervisor. Wytnes heroff, Robert Godysman, priest; Thomas Gere; and Roger Abraham; with other moy.

Proved at Gosberkyrk, 28 July, 1528.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BUTSON [OF WESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 119.]

3 May, 1528. I Richerd Butson of Weston. I will that William my sone have my house that I dwell in with the land that longys therto, and the land that is in Multon, to hym and to hys yshue off hys body. And yff he departe with owt ishue, then I will the house and lande be solde, and the on parte to go to reparacion off the chyrch off Weston, and the other to a preste to syng for me and my good frendes. To my wyff on whyte burnyng, and her houshold stuff that she brought with her, and her lyffyng her lyff. Also I will that my houshold stuff be devydyd betwyxt William my sone and Alice my doughter and Isabell Haryson. Resydue off my goodes to William my sone, whome I make my executuor. Thes wytnes, sir John Gybson; Robert Thomson; John Gallarde; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Gosberkyrke, 28 July, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALYXANDER MOIGNE [OF SIXHILL, ESQUIRE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 133.]

4 May, 1528. I Alexander Moigne of Syxhill, esquier. My body to be buryed in the church of all Halowes of Syxhill, with that that is ryght and lawe in the name of my mortuary, [etc.]. To my doughter Margaret to her mariage xlty marke. To [each of] my doughters Ursula and Brigytt to hyr mariage xlty marke, yff she be rewlyd be my executors. To my doughters Margery Bocher and Jane Bradoke xx*s.* [apiece]. To Anne my wyff duryng hyr lyff my landes, rentes and tenementes, with all other hereditamentes lying in the townys and feldes of Lyssyngton, Estrasen, Westrasen, Tevelby, Ryseby besydes Walesby, Long Ludford and Thorganby; [remainder] to Thomas my sone and to the heyres males of hys body; [remainder] to the heyres malys of my body. To Anne my wyff my maner off Wathe with all other my landes and tenementes, rentes, revercions and services lying [*folio* 133*d.*] in the townes and feldes of Wathe, Marschapell, Foulstomarshe, Horncastre, Hemyngby and Gawdeby, to the performance of thys my will, and payng of my dettes, and [then] they shall remayn to Anne my wyff for hyr lyff; [remainder as to] the landes, [etc.], lying in Gawdeby to Simon Moigne and hys heyres males of hys body; [remainder] to the heyres males of my body; [remainder as to] my maner of Wathe and all the landes, [etc.], in Wathe to Jamys Moigne and hys heyres males of hys body; [remainder] to the heyres males of my body; [remainder as to] my landes and tenementes, free and bonde, lying in Marschapell, Foulstomarshe, Thorganby, Hornecastell and Hem-

yngby, to Thomas my sone and hys heyres males of hys body; [remainder] to the heyres males off my body. I will have a pryst to syng for me, my wyff, my father, my mother, with all my good benefactors, vij yeres. I will that Simon Moigne, my sone, shall have yerly duryng the lyff of Anne my wyff xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Also I will that [*folio* 134] yff he troble my executors for eny of my goodes, he shall have no parte of that that I have bequethyd hym. Also I will that yff my doughters Ursula and Brigytt or other of them be not maryed in the lyff of my wyff, that they or she that is not maryed, and do refuse to be orderyd in ther mariage aftyr the mynd of Thomas my sone, shall have no parte of the bequest mayd to them. I will that yff at the tyme of the dethe of Anne my wyff, suche leces as I have in the towne and feldes of Syxill, by indenture or by copy, be not expyryd, Thomas my sone shall have the resydue of the termes. Also I wyll that aftyr the dethe of Anne my wyff, my sone Thomas shall have the pece wyth the covering that hath my harmes on it. Also all my goodes not bequethyd I bequeth to Anne my wyff, whome I do constitute my sole executrix; and John Henage, the yonger, esquier, and Richer Sotheby, clerke, coadiutors unto hyr. I will Sir Andrew Billesby, knyght, shall be supervisor. I will that yff Anne my wyff dye afore my dettes be payd, the forsayd John Henage and Ric' Sotheby shall be myn executors, for the performance of my will, and have the landes in Wathe, Marschapell, Foulstomarshe, Horncastell, Hemyngby and Gawdeby for the hole performance of suche parcellys as ware not performyd by Anne my wyff. Also I will that thys my present will shalbe indentyd in thre partes, wheroff I will that on parte shall remayn with Anne my wyff, the secund parte to remayn with Ric' Sotheby, clerke, the thyrde parte to [*folio* 134*d.*] remayn wyth Thomas Moygne, my sone. Thyse beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Wollerby, vicar of Northwillyngham; Dom' Robert Jakson, vicar of Syxill; Ric' Blauncherd of the same; and Richerd Barnaby of the same; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 21 May, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR ROBERT SPARKE OF GOLTHO, [PRIEST].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 233*d.*]

13 May, 1528, 20 Henry VIII. Thys is the testament and last will of me Robert Sparke, preste, mayd at the maner of Golthagh. I the sayd Robert Sparke, preste, now revokyng all other my wyllys here to fore mayd, makyth my testament, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the churche of St. James the apostell in the parysh of Olde Bolyngton. I bequeth for my mortuary as the lawe and laudable custome shall require. To the reparacion of the cath' church of Lincoln xij*d.* To every of my mr. servandes beyng in hys housholde at Golthagh iiij*d.* To John Water v*s.* I remyt placebo and dirige with other divine obsequies and almys dedys to be done for my soule at the dyscrestion of my executor. Also wher

it is so that William Kyngstone, preste, John Franke and John Cony the yonger of the parysh of St. Mary Magdalene in the dioc' of Norwige and in the countie of Northfolke, ar possessyd and seasyd of and in all my mesuages, landes, tenementes, [etc.], lying in the towne and territorys of Wyghenhall in the parysh of St. Peter, as at large apperyth more playnly by a dede therof mayd, dated 8 November, 13 Henry VIII, I will now that the sayd feofees make a sufficient estate and release of all the sayd [premises] unto Wylliam Taylboys, sonne of Sir George Taylboys, knyght, and he to adioyne with hym, by the advice of lernyd counsell, as feoffes in the sayd [premises], John Constable, prest, deane of Lincoln, Edward Darby, archedecon of Stowe, Sir Marmaduk Constable, knyght, John Henage, esquier, William Willoughby, Edwarde Dymoke, esquiers, and Xp'ofor Ormesby, preste, to have and holde the sayd landes, [etc.] [*folio* 234] to the use of thys my will; that is to say, I will that a sufficient and honest seculer preste from the day of my dethe shall dayly say messe and other divine servys in the church of St. Jamys of Olde Bolyngton for my soule and the soulys of Thomas Sparke and Malde Sparke, my parentes, and generally for all crysten soulys for evermore, excepte he have a reasonable cause by sekenes of [*sic*] otherwyse. I will that the sayd preste say messe of Requiem and dirige every weke upon the Fryday yff it be not dooble feest, and yff it be dooble feste, to take on day in the weke to say the sayd messe with the obsequies as she [*sic*] shall thynke moste convenient. And the preste to take yerly for hys salary viij markes; and also vestymentes and other necessaryes to be founde therunto; and the sayd eight markes to be payd at iiij usuall termys by the handes of William Taylboys. I will that the nominacion and election of the preste at every voydance be assygned and appoyntyd by William Taylboys and other feoffes wyth hym adionyd; the wych William I orden executor. Thes beyng wytnes, William Blesby, esquyer; Sir Stevyn Scarburghe, Sir Xp'ofer Ornsby, prestes; John Hyll, auditor; Umfray Ireland; Sir Thomas Olyff, preste; Richerd Talbot, jent'; John Water, yoman; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 December, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

The testament of Richard Aynton [of Benington in Holland].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 123.]

15 May, 1528. I Richerd Aynton of Benyngton makyth thys my testament, herin concludyng [*folio* 123*d.*] my last will. I will a trentall off xxx messes to be sayd at the frear prechers in Boston for my soule, my frendes soulys and all cristen soulys. I will that on acre of my lande callyd Frankes rygge in the parysh of Boston and in the hundreth of Tofte, lyinge betwyxt the landes of William Buttler of the weste, and the landes of the sayd Ric' Aynten of the

este, to be solde by John Schepard, my son in lawe, and the money to be disposed upon my funerall expenses, and to the welth of my soule, [etc.]. This is my last will: To Cecilie Shepard, my daughter, all those my landes and tenements, pastures, [etc.], within or without the townes and fields of Boston or Tofte, being in the handes of John Bate of Tofte and John Scheparde of Benyngton, my feoffes, for the terme of hyr lyffe; and aftyr hyr decease, to the chyldren betwyxte John Shepard and the sayd Cecilie, [etc.]. Yff it fortune all hyr chyldren to departe before their mother, then I will that she gyff the landes to whome she will. I committ the resydue of my goodes for the helthe of my soule to John Schepard, my sone in law, whome I make executor. Wytnes, [*folio* 124] Syr Roger Pyshe, parysh prest; John Feyld; and Richard Schepard; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Kyrton in Holand, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RALPH BUCKE [OF EDENHAM].

[L.C.C., 1535-7, *f.* 234. *The first three sentences are translated from the Latin.*]

15 May, 1528. I Ralph Bucke. My body to be buried in the churchyard of the church of Edenham. I bequeath my best beast in the name of a mortuary, as the custom is. To the high altare of Edenham xij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To our Lady off Walsyngham xij*d.* To the bellys of Edenham a seame barly. To Henry my sun. [*folio* 234*d.*] To Agnes my doughter. To Elizabeth my wyff. I will that she shall have all the croppe of her owne copy holde lande sawne to her hande. To Thomas Kytchyn a blak qwye with a tag tale, [etc.]. To sir John Bucke my sun xxvj*s.* viij*d.* To Richerde my sun my copy holde in Edenham; and yff any thyng cum at Richerde, it to remayn to Raphe my sun. I will that Richerde and Raphe my sunys shall have all the corne that cumys of the Hawllys croppe, [etc.]; and that they have the resydue of my goodes. I will that my wyff and Richerde my sun be my executors; and sir John Bucke, my sun, to be the supervisor. In witnes herof, sir Henry Sawmon; John Howlay; and Raphe Hiltun.

Proved before Pope, at Lincoln, 17 September, 1537. Admin. granted to Richard the son, the relict having died in the meantime.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD MURRE [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 124.]

28 May, 1528. I Richerd Murre of Kyrton in Holand do make my testament, includyng my last will. To Alice my wyff my house in Skeldyke and the thyrd parte off iiij acres in Kyrton hyr lyff; [remainder] to John my sone and to the heyres of hys body; [remainder] to John Kechyll and to hys heyres of hys body. To the sayd John Murre the thyrde parte of iiij acre lande, callyd Jacson land, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body, aftyr the decease of my wyffe;

[remainder] to Thomas Harvy, my wyfe sone, and to hys heyres off hys body, and I will that he kepe therfore on obbit in Kyrton chyrch, expendyng at the same yerly ij*s.*, the space off [*folio* 124*d.*] lxxxxix yeres, ffor the soulys off me and all my good frendes; [remainder] to John Kechyll and to hys heyres, willyng them to kepe lykewyse the obbyt. To John my sone on cart and a plough and such ornamentes as pertenyth unto them, on gravyn tabyll, on chare, on chyst, halff a dosyn peces of pewter, on sylver harnest gyrdyll, [etc.], after the decease off my wyffe, [etc.]. To the sayd John ij qwyes when he shall cum to the age off xiiij yeres, [etc.]. Resydue off my goodes to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrix; and I will that Thomas Hawdalle be supervisour. Thyes wyttness', Sir John Brewster off Kyrton; Ric' Smyth; John Fokys off the same; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Kyrton in Holand, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JO. MARTYN [OF HOLTON CUM BECKERING].
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 117*d.*]

6 June, 1528. I John Martyn off Howton. To William Hudson my servant. To John Martyn my servant liij*s.* iiij*d.* and ij spanyng calffes, off thys [*folio* 118] condicion that he will thryffe and be ordered be my executors. Resydue off my goodes unto Jenet my wyff; and also halff the ferme off Harwyke with my stokke as it goyth now. To my wyff duryng her lyff all my landes as well in Howton as in Bekkeryng; and aftyr hyr decease I will that John Martyn have the toftested in Howton with iij leeys lying at the northsyde off the sayd house, now in the holdyng off Richerd Mylner. I will that Agnes Martyn have, aftyr the decease off my wyffe, my house wherin I dwell with the parte off the same wich I purchesyd off Isabell Hyrde; and also a lyttyll close now in the holdyng off the parson off Howton. I will that, aftyr the decease off my wyfe, Robert Lesyng and Alice Lesyng my doghter have the house wherin Valentyne Brekils dwellys; and a close lying off the est syde off Howton, boundyng off the west parte off a close off my lady Cheney; [remainder], aftyr ther decease, to William Martyn and hys heyres off hys body. And I will that the said Robert and Alice Lesyng have, aftyr the decease off my wyff, my house, as it is now letten, wich I bought off John Dowse; [remainder], aftyr the decease off Robert and Alice, to William Marten, hyr sone, and to hys heyres. Also I will that Robert Lesyng and hys wyff at thare entre in to the sayd houses shall pay xxx*s.* for iij trentalls to be song for my soule and all crystyn soulys. I will that, affter the decease off my wyff, Jane Marten have my house in Bekkeryng wherin William Woode dwellys, and she or her frendes to be bounden for to paye x*s.* for a trentall to be song for me and my wyff. I will that Catheryne Marten have an other house in Bekkeryng, now in the holdyng off William Slator,

and att her entre in to the same to cause v messes to be song for my soule and my wyfe. I orden Jenet my wyff and Robert Lesyng my executors. I will desyre my lorde abbot off Bardeney to be supervisor. In wittenesse heroff, Sir William Chylderlay, parson off Howton; Sir Robert Stedman, prest; Sir Thomas Chylderlay, prest; Richerd Chander[1]; wyth other.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 24 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY MARCHELL [OF BOTTESFORD, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 105.]

7 June, 1528. I Henr' Marchall. My body to be buried in the churchȝarde of owr lady in Bottelworth, and my best guud to be my mortuary as the law dowthe require. To the hee aulter in the churche of Bottelworth iiij*d.* To owr lady of Lincoln, the frears att the Gresse foytt, the frears att Neuportt, the frears att Grantham and the ffrears att Notingam iiij*d.* [apiece]. To the cawse be yonde Henr' Marchall howse xx*d.*, and xx lode of stone yf the town [*page* 106] will cary ytt. Rysydew of my guudes to Roger my sonne, whome I ordayn my executor. Witnes heroff, Sir Ric' Smithe, curett; Henr' Thom'; Thomas Parnam; and other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS KECHER [OF LEVERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 79.]

10 June, 1528. I Thomas Kecher of Leuerton. To Leuerton kyrk vj*s.* viij*d.* to be payd in the yere 1532. To Isabell my wyff my capitall messuage with the lond under it lyeng, contenyng on acre and on halff [*folio* 79*d.*] to the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] to Thomas Hudson, my servande, in fee simple. To Isabell my wyff on acre and on rode land, callyd Barnew lande, in fee simple. Also on pece lande, callyd Belland, for hyr lyff; and [then] to go to the use off on obbit to be kepte in the kyrk off Leuerton. Also I will that ij pecys land, the on pece lyith at Leuerton mylne, contenyng on acre, the other pece lyith in Leuerton ynges, contenyng ij acres and a halff, remane in feoffes handes for evermore, or ellys as long as the law will suffer it; and with the rent my wyff to kepe my obbyt in the kyrk off Leuerton the Sonday next aftyr Copus [*sic*] Xp'i day; and aftyr her decease I will the ij pecys land, with the oder pece bifore namyd callyd Belland, be lettyn to ferme bi the kirkegraves of Leuerton, they to kepe the sayd obbyt at the sayd j day for the sallys off William Kecher, Margaret, Thomas Kecher, Agnes, Isabelle, and all crysten soulys, and the kyrkegraves to have of the land for ther labors xij*d.*; the resydue of the rente, all chargys borne, to be waryd off the obbyt yerly in the kyrk off Leuerton as long as the law will suffer. To Thomas Hudson, my

[1] Or 'Chauder.'

servande, on pece lande in Leuerton, callyd Clymson land, in fee symple, off thys condicion that he pay to Robert Bow, my servand, or he enter it, iij*s*. iiij*d*. Resydue of my goodes to Isabelle my wyff and Jenet Leek, my mother, whome I mak my executors. Thyes wyttnes, Roger Grene and William Hudson of Leuerton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 April, 1529. Admin. granted, etc.

[Lincoln Diocesan Registry, Inventories, i, no. 15.]

This es the Inventore of the guddys of Thomas Kechers latt of Leuerton prased ther by Will'm Lyme John Hopkynson John Baret and Ric' Fendyk the xiij day of September the ȝer of owr lord god a thowsand v hundrethe and xxviij[ti]

FIRST

	£	s	d		£	s	d
In primis iiij kye		48[1]		It'm vj swyne		12	
It'm ij ȝong beys		13	4	It'm iij pygges		3	6
It'm iij burnynges		12		It'm ix geys			18
It'm iij calwes		6		It'm xvj hens and 1 coke		2	8
It'm vij mares		46	8	It'm ij dukkes			3
It'm xxviij[ti] schepe		40					

IN THE HALL

First ij tabuls			8	It'm ij salt selers			8
It'm j chare and j fyrme			8	It'm iiij candelstykkes			12
It'm ij bak stoles			4	It'm on ledd		2	4
It'm j hark			20	It'm ij sythes			12
It'm j hawmre			12	It'm xvj pund pewter		4	
It'm j hyngyng lauer			8	It'm for nettes		20	
It'm ij basens ij lauers of laten		2	6	It'm for ustelmenttes in the hall			16

IN THE PARLER

First j federbed j bowster j hyngyng		10		It'm iij towyls		2	8
It'm on hold bedde		2		It'm ij tabulclothes		2	8
It'm iij matrys		8		It'm ij hold tabulclothes			12
It'm iiij coverlyddes		4		It'm for ustelmenttes in the parler			20
It'm j gowne ij cottes j iaket j doblyt		16		It'm for ustelmenttes in the mylkhows		3	
It'm xxx[ti] helme clothe		9		It'm for ij whelys		2	
It'm j tester of a bedd			20	It'm for ij chisstes		2	
It'm ix peloys		4		It'm vij ȝarddes rosett		6	8
It'm j chist			12	It'm for ustelmentes in the chawmber		4	
It'm x peloy beres		5					
It'm x schettes		20					
It'm iij schettes		2					

[1] The amounts have been translated from Roman into Arabic figures.

IN THE KECHENE

Fyrst iiij bras pottes	10		It'm for ustelmenttes in the kechen	3	4
It'm iij pannys	2	4	It'm for wstelmenttes in the brewhows	3	4
It'm j chafyngdysche		12			

IN THE GARTHE

First j cart ij cortes with the geyres	6	8	It'm xij acars crope	4	
It'm j plowe with the geyres	5		It'm for hay	18	
			It'm for ustelmenttes in the garthe		12

Sum tot' 23*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*

THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS ROB'SON [OF SWINESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 120.]

10 June, 1528. I Nicolas Robertson of Swynsheued. To Robert my son, Janett, Cecile, Alice and Agnes my doghters, the croppis of wheite groyinge of on peace of land, contenyng on acre and di', lyinge in Blakeman hyrn, to be devided betwen theym by the sighte of my wife and of Edward Houson, Lambert Procter and Ric' Tilney of Swynsheued, so that the said Robert of his proper costes schall fell, bynde and carye in the croppis in harvest next comynge. I will that my feoffes wiche ar seased of on mesuage in Swynsheued, calleid Olyer heus, and on acre of hempland lying to the sam house, and on peace arabile land, contenyng on acre and di' lying in Blakeman hirn, shall stond seasseid to the use of Margaret my wife for hir life, and then to thuse of myn hears, after the form of the last will of Hughe Robertson, my fader.[1] I will that all other meses, landes and tenementes reman in the handes of my feoffes to thuse of myne heers, after the form of the will of my fader. Residew of my gudes to Margaret my wife, whom I make myne executrix. Thiese witness, Sir Thomas Garten, vicar of Swynsheued ; Edward Houson ; Lamberte Proctour ; William Lucas ; William Smyth.

Proved before P., at Kirketon, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JO. TULLE [OF WOOD ENDERBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 117*d.*]

10 June, 1528. I John Tvlle off Woodenderby. To Thomas my sone my hed house, wher I do lye at the mercy of God, with all the land, pastur and medowe that therto belongys, and all the houshold stuff that ther is in. To William my sone. To John my sone. I will that a trentall off messys for my soule and all crystyn soulys be done off my last gostly fader. Resydue off my goodes and catalles to Robert and Thomas my sonys, wych I make my

[1] This will does not seem to be extant at Lincoln or in London.

hole executors. In wyttnes wheroff, William Parker, prest; John Denys; Henry Parker; William Sheperd; with other moy.

Proved at Lincoln, 23 June, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

The testament of [Joan Lyle[1]] of the parish of St. Martin's, Leicester, widow.

[Lyle, *p.* 74.]

12 June, 1528. I Johane Lyle off Leicest', wedow. My body to be buried in our Lady chapell with in sanct Martyne church off Leicest'; and my best garment for my mortuary, aftur the custome off the towne. To our Lady church [off[1]] Lincoln for the reparacion theroff iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the [? reparaci[1]]on off sanct Martyne church vj*s*. viij*d*. To the hy alter off the same ij*s*. To the [? reparaci[1]]on off sanct Peter church in Leicest' vj*s*. viij*d*. I wyll that a prest do syng for my husband soule ande myne in sanct Martyne church the space off iij yeres; and he to kepe daly servys in the same church; and I wyll that he have for his stipend and wage v*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. a yer. Also I wyll that Mr vicare off sanct Martyns ande my brother Euerod have the nominacion off the seid prest. To xxti pour husbandemen xx shares and xxti culters off yrone for ther plowes. I wyll that the chauntre prestes have at my buriall viij*d*. every pese, and other as yt shall playce my executoures, as the custome is. Also I wyll that the day off [*page* 75] . . . . . .[1] pyll in Leic' xl*s*. . . . . .[1] in bred, as plesith my brother Euerod, my executour. To the iij places off ffreers in Leicest' every place iij*s*. . . . . .[1] to bryng me to the church ande to pray for me. To the Spetyll house xij*d*. I bequeth a torch to the hy alter in the church off saint Martyns in Leicester, and another to our Lady alter within the same church, price off both vj*s*. viij*d*. I bequeth toward gylting off our Lady off pety in sanct Martyns church vj*s*. viij*d*. To Gaddesby church a goblet off sylver with a kever gyltyd. To Margaret Vyllers, my gode doughter, my best gyrdyll. To Edyth Wylloby my secund gowne. To Johanne Gylberd a gowne. To my syster in lawe a payr off beydes off Corall with gaudes off sylver. To Mr vicare off sanct Martyns my mantyll aftur my decesse. I wyll that wher by [? a deed of[1]] feoffment, beryng dayt the fyrst [day of[1]] Junij in the twenty yere off kyng Henry the viijth, I have infeoffed [. . . William[1]] Wygeston, merchaunt off the Staple at Calyss, . . . John Waysse, Roger Gyllott, Robert Davy and Richard Waysse in all my landes ande tenementes in Loughborow, with medowes, lesoures, pastoures therunto belonging, to hold the premisses to the seid William, John, Roger, Robert and Richard, ther heres and assignes for ever, for this use and intent, that the seid feoffers shall stand seysyd to the use ande behove off the chauntre off Corpus Christi gyld in [*the remainder of the will is missing.*]

[1] The document has been much injured.

[THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GLENNE OF GOADBY MARWOOD, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 89.]

17 June, 1528. I Robert Glenne. My body to be buryed att the paryche churche of Gaudebe. I bequiethe my best good to be my mortuary, aftur the custome of the churche. To the mother churche of Lincoln ij*d.* [*page* 90] To the parich church of Walton iiij*d.* To the parich churche of Yestwell ij*d.* To Thomas Gale ij 3ows and ij lambes. To Wiliam Glenne. I mak my executors Thomas and Robert my sones. Witnes, Sir John Smithe, parich prest of Gaudebe; Edmownd Geile; and John Brigges; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

[THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT MAINFYLD OF BRANSTON, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 90.]

28 June, 1528. I Robert Mainfyld. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Guthlac of Branston. [*page* 91] I bequeath for my principal as the law required. To owr Lady of Lincoln ij*d.* To Mergere my doghter a coffer, a skeylott, a kynnell, a pekkyll, [etc.]. My brother dyd promys my unkyll, whos soule I besech God haif mercy upon, that he wolde not se hur fare amysse as longe will be concellyd, inffurmyd, weldisposyd and kepe hur a good mayd; and yf my brother (whos lyfe longe contenew to ye plesure of God) like wise, I will se that sche schall not fare amys, ffor I will helpe hur to my powr [*sic*]. Residew of my goodes I gyff to Sir Wiliam Manfyld, [*page* 92] my godsone. These being witnesses, Thomas Manfild; Xp'ofer Scharpe; withe many moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD [*sic*] HUDDYLSTON [OF ROWSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 127*d.*]

30 June, 1528. I Robert Huddylston of Rowston. To John Huddylston, my sone, and the heyrys male of hys body, my house that I dwell in at Rowston, wyth all landes, medow and commens therto belongyng. To my sone Godfrey and the heyrys male of hys body my house in Hekyngton with all landes, medow and commens therto belongyng. And, yff other of them dye with owt suche heyres male, [remainder] to the other of them and hys heyre male; [remainder] to be solde and done for my soule, my wyff soule, my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. I gyff my turffe dayll lying in Tymberland fen to my sayd sonys and to ther herys male, to be devydyd betwyx them, and ether of them to be other heyres. I make my sayd sonys my executors, and William Forman of Skaby oversear. Thyes beyng wyttnes, William Borrow, vicar of the same towne; Michel Beche; and John Daus; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 6 November, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD CLERKE, LATE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, GENTLEMAN.

[VARIOUS, *f.* 75.]

1 July, 1528, 20 Henry VIII. In the name of the Father and the Sonne and the Holy Goste, thre persons and on God: I Richerd Clerke of the parysh of Washyngburgh in the dioc' and countie of Lincoln, beyng hole in body and mynde, laude, prayse and thankes unto allmyghtty God, make, orden and declare thys my testament and last will in forme foloyng: Fyrst, remembryng the moste perfyt example of our moste blessyd Savior Crist Jhesu, the wich in the ende of hys most blessyd and paynfull passion sayd, *Pater in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum*, so I, synfull creature, gyffys frely and thankfully commendes and beqwethys my pore soule unto allmyghtty God and to our Lady saynt Mary and to all the holy compeny of heven; and my body to be buryed in the parysh church in the qwere nere to the place where the sepulchre usyth to stande, yf so conveniently soo may, or ellys where in the qwere, as my executrice or executers shall provyde, in the parysh church where it shall please God to call me to hys marcy owt of thys transitory worlde, excepte I departe at Lundon or in the suburbys of the same; ffor then I bequeth my body to be buryed at the Savoy aftyr [*sic*] as shall have substaunce ther to be buryed; or yff I departe at Lincoln, or with in too myles of Lincoln, then I will that my body be buryed in saynt Bennet qwere under the place of the sepulcre even an enste where my mother lyeth of the other syde of the qwere; and my executors to pay for my buryall aftyr the costome. Also I bequeth for my mortuary aftyr the custome. And not that my executors or executrice make no pompouse buryall, but bryng my body to the grounde honestely with owt any solempe rynyng of all the bellys, savyng on peale afore dirige and on other peale at messe, and ellys but on bell be rung continually to I be layd in the grounde in my long bedde. [*folio* 75*d.*] I will that the curat or parson beyng present at my dirige, and sayng messe, shall have vij*d.* for hys labor; and every other prieste that shall syng or say dirige overnight, and messe at the other day, to have vj*d.*; and ellys suche as shall come in the mornyng and do messe shall have but iiij*d.*; and every clerke in surples, syngyng in the qwere at messe, to have ij*d.*; and the parysh clerke to have more, aftyr the costome. To the hygh alter of the Mynster of Lincoln xl*d.*; and to our Lady warkes other xl*d.* To the Frerys Observantes of Newarke, where it please them by the meanys of good frere Barton to get me a letter of brotherhode for me and my wyff, to bestowe it as the father ther for the tyme beyng shall thynke moste convenient, to pray for my soule, xx*s.* To every of the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* to pray for my soule. To the high alter of saynt Bennet in Lincoln for my tithes not fully

satisfyed, yff eny suche be, xiij*s*. iiij*d*. I will that ther be sent to the house of Hounslawe xiij*s*. iiij*d*. and on sylver spone. And to the house of saynt Robert off Knarysburgh on sylver spone and xl*d*. I wyll that ther shall be no peny dole dolte for me at my buryall, nor none assemble for that cause, to be had at the churche where I shall be buryed, of pore folkes ; and I will that warnyng shall be gyffyn theroff. And for that I will that oon hundreth grootes be dolte to on hundreth persons that be in povertie and age, dwellers in the towne ther as I shall departe ; and ther be not so many therin the towne, then to sende to the next townes to make up the numbre of fyve score, so that every person may have on grote. Also I will that at my buryall and as shortely aftyr as conveniently may that my executrice or executors [*the rest is missing*].

[THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT COLTEMAN OF LINCOLN, FISHMONGER].

[L.C.C., 1543-56, *f*. 69.]

1 July, 1528. I Roberte Colteman, fishmonger, of the citie of Lincoln, with in the parishe of sainte Benett. [*folio* 69*d*.] My bodie to be buried in the chauncell of sainte Bennett churche ; also for my mortuarie my best indumente, after the custome of the citie. To Roberte my son, iij silver spones, one paire newe wheeles, iij boyttes ; and William Smyth, marsher, to have xiij*s*. iiij*d*., and to have him and order him as he thinckes best. To Alice my wief, a red ambrie, [etc.], or the third parte of my goodes when my witword is fulfilled. To my mother xx*s*. and Jenett late my wief best gowne, [etc.]. To oure Ladie warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the Clarke gilde xij*d*. To oure Ladie gilde of sainte Benettes vj*s*. viij*d*. to buy a banner clothe. To the labores of sainte Katherines xx*d*. To Thomas Tebbott my best jackett for his liveraie. To my daughters their mothers raymente divided amonge theim three to make theim raymente with. The residue of my goodes not witt, I bequeathe to Christofer Holtbie and to William Burtonne, whome I make my exequutors ; thei to give to a priest vij markes to singe for me and for my wief one yere, if it maie be fulfilled ; if not, as far [*folio* 70] as it will extend, and the residue as thei thincke best ; and the said Christofer Holtbie to give to William Burton vj*s*. viij*d*., and he to have my meyre, and William Smythe, mercer, to be supervisor. Witnes hereof, Sir Johnne Shakelton ; Sir William Ben ; William Smyth ; Henrie Horne ; with other mo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HICHE [OF BIRSTALL, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p*. 92].

3 July, 1528. I John Hiche, seke in body. My body to be buryed wythin the church ȝarde of sanct John Evangelist of the chapell of Bristall. I bequieth for my mortuary my best good, after

the use and custome of the town. To our lady of Lincoln. [*page* 93] To the church of Belgrave. To the chapell of Thurmastun. To the chapell of Brystall half a quartar maltt to mak them ale to the behowfe of the chapell; yf they wyll nott, I will that my sone Richett schall haife the maltt, and gife them as the markett required. To the same chapell a towell. To my brother in lawe, John Gudȝere. To Wiliam Hews. To my cosing Katheren, my syster daghter, a long coffer and a calfe to mak a cow therof. To my gostly father sir John Helystun iiij*d*. Residew of my goodes to my sone Ric' and to John Hoppys [*sic*], wich I mak my lefull executors; but I will that the saide John haife no interest of the goodes [*page* 94] bott for the profett of my sone Richertt. I will that the said John Hopkyns haife for his labur iiij*d*. Witnes hereof, sir John Helystun, John Heb'son; Wiliam Huys; withe other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER TONNERDE [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 122*d*.]

8 July, 1528. I Roger Tonnerde of Kyrton make my testament, concludyng therwyth my last will. To Alice my wyff my house with the grounde under it so long as she kepys hyr sole; and yff she mary, I will she have it xiiij yerys; [remainder] to Humfray my sone and to hys heyres off hys body; [remainder] to my doughters equally to be devyded emonges them. To Rose, Agnes, Maryon and Jenet, my doughters. I will that my cownter in my house be os harelome. Resydue of my goodes to Alice my wyff and Humfrey my sone, whome I make my executors. I will that Thomas Tonnerde be supervisor. Thyes wyttnenssyth, sir John Brewster of Kyrton; William Tonnerde of the same; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Kyrton in Holand, 29 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY BUSHE [OF WAINFLEET ST. MARY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 125.]

18 July, 1528. I Henry Bushe off the parysh off our Lady in Waynflet. To Ric', [*folio* 125*d*.] Thomas, John and Henry my sones. To Elizabeth and Agnes my doughters. The resydue off all my hosselment I will be devydyd betwyx my [said] doughters. Resydue off goodes I putt them to the discrestion off my executors, whome I ordeyne Ric' Bushe, my sone, and John Hopkynson.

Thys is the last will off me Henry Bushy. To Ric' my sone the house that I wone in in the parysh of saynt Mary of Waynflet with all land pertenyng to the same, and iiij acres callyd Cootlande, and iij acres and a halffe off tyle lande lying in Leverton felde callyd Bust lande. I will that Thomas my sone have my capitall messuage lying in Leuerton, with v acres lying abowt the house, also iij acres in the sayd felde off Leuerton, callyd Cootlande. To John my sone on

acre and a halffe lying at Pykyll grene end; also iij stonges lying in the felde of Leuerton, callyd Mattgwyll. To Henry my sone on acre and a halffe at Brushe in the sayd felde [*folio* 126] of Leuerton; also iij roodes off the west syde of the kylnehouse in Leuerton; also on acre lying att Towne gayt in the felde of Leuerton. To Thomas my sone iij acres lying in Benyngton felde. To Agnes my doughter ij acres at Sand gayt in the felde of Leuerton. To Elizabeth my doughter ij acres lying in the ynges in the sayd felde of Leuerton. Also I wyll yff Thomas decease with owt heyres of hys body, I wyll that John have the forsayd house and landes; [remainder in succession] to Henry and Thomas; and yff Thomas, John and Henry dye with owt heyres of ther bodys, I will that Richerd my sone have all the landes gyvyn to them. Thyes beyng wyttness', sir Ric' Tyrwhyte, vicar and curate off the same parysh; sir John Gryndhall; sir William Hagger; Thomas Kyttloke; John Atwere; John Wylkynson.

Proved before P., at Waynflete, 30 July, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors, that is, to Richard Bushye in the person of John Watkynson, his proctor, and to John Hopkinson.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HARCASTRE OF BOSTON, [MERCER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 179.]

18 July, 1528. I William Hartcastell of Boston, marser. My body to be buryed wher it shall please God that I shall departe; and my mortuary aftyr the custome of the churche. To the high alter of Boston for tithes forgotten xx*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To the fatherles chyldren att saynt Catheryns with owt Lincoln xx*d.* To the churches of Bullyngbroke and Hawneby xx*d.* [apiece]. To Elizabeth my wyff the house that I dwell in for terme of lyff with the stable and the garden. To my wyff, to John my sone cum to lawfull age, my house that Pawson dwellys in; [then] she shall delyver it to him; [remainder] to hys brother Thomas Hartcastell at the same tyme. I will that my wyff have all my plate duryng hyr lyff; and aftyr her decease to be devydyd betwyxte my ij chyldren; that is to say, a salte with a cover, weyng xj unces, sex sponys, weyng xij uncis, a Nutte, and a goblytt with owt cover. I will that so long as my wyff will occupy the occupacion of mercery wythin the towne of Boston she to have all the necessaryes of my shoppe. To Thomas my sone x*l.* at laufull age; and the house that I dwell in with the stable and the garden lying in Keale lane, aftyr the decease of hys mother. To John my sone x*l.* [*folio* 179*d.*] when he shall cum to lawfull age. Yff that other of them departe afore they cum to laufull age, than I will that the parte of hym so deceasyd remane to the over lyffer; and yff they bothe dye or that they cum to lawfull age, then I will bothe the howsys and ther legaces in money, etc., remane to John Hartcastell, my brother, and hys chylder for ever; and yff they dye with owt heyres of ther bodyes, I will the sayd houses be solde be my executors and feoffys and be dysposyd

in warkes of charite as they shall thynk best for well of my soule and all crysten soulys. I will the house that I bought of the executors of John Leeke be solde be my executors. To John Hartcastell, my brother, my best gowne, a dooblet off satten and a gyrkyn of dammaske. To John Percy my gowne ffurryd with ffox. To my syster Alice Percy xx*s*., and to every on of her chylder xx*d*. To John Bryan of Bullyngbroke xx*s*. Resydewe of my goodes to be devydyd betwyxte my chylder by the dyscrestion of John Bryan aforesayd, John Hartcastell, my brother, and Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executors, with the oversyght off John Browne of Lynne, my father in law, whome I make supervisor, and I bequeth hym for hys labor and besynes vj*s*. viij*d*. Thes beryng wytnes, John Richmond; Robert Skamond; John Percy; with other moy.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 18 August, 1529. Admin. granted to Elizabeth the relict, in the presence of John Hartcastle, who renounced; reserving power to grant to John Brian.

[THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD COLDOK OF EARL SHILTON, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 111.]

20 July, 1528. I Richett Coldok of the towne of Schulton, sek in body. My body to be buryed in the churchyard of sancte [*page* 112] Peter of Schowlton. My best good to my mortuary, aftur the custome of the town. To the mother church of Lincoln ij*d*. To ye church of Scholton one ȝowe and a lame, ye best that can be schowsyn in ye floke. To Roberte my sonne my hows with the apurtenauns longing therto, aftur ye maner and custom of the town, in recompensing of certaine money that I owd to hym. To my sonne Corneles. I bequeth xx*d*. to hayf massys said for the helth of my soull, the wich I will be att the dysposing of my gostly father. To Cesele my wife all the residew or and [*sic*] dispose as sche thynkes best; and thes I mak my executors, Ric' Birchelay and Cecessele my wyfe, to order and dyspose my small substans as they shall think best to plesure of God and hele of my soull. Thes witnes, sir Richett Budworth, prest; John Leche; Henry Furfoke[1]; John Austyn.

[*No probate act.*]

[THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY COLUMBELL OF BLYTON].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 9.]

20 July, 20 Henry VIII, [A.D. 1528]. I Henry Columbell of Blyton. My body to be buryed in the church of Bliton before saynt Anne, and I there depart. To Margaret my wiffe my purchesyd lande in Marschapell for the terme of hyr liffe to brynge up my childern with; and after her decesse it to be sold, and the guddes and money that [*folio* 9*d*.] shalbe taken therfore to be

[1] Or 'Surfoke'.

devyded emonges my childern ; and the most porest of Robert Knyghtes kyn, wich I bough the said land of, to have xxvj*s*. viij*d*. therof, so that the take it bi the way of charyte, elles not one peny. To Margaret my wiffe my purchesyd lande in Bliton for xxviij yeres ; and if she departe fro this worlde within the yeres of xxviijth, after her decesse I will that George Columbell have all the lande, yeldinge for the same for six yere purchesse ; and the money taken for the same to be devyded emonges my childern. I will that the proufittes and rentes of the landes be devyded emonge my said childern unto the somme of money amowntynge to six yeres be fully paide bi the said George, except and reservyd of the said landes in Blyton on howse now in the tenure of John Westwod, which I will the feoffe$_3$ therin feoffed shall suffer my wiffe for the terme of her liffe to take the rent theroff to make an anniversarye yerly for me and my wiffe and ower benefactors duryng hyr liffe, all nedfull reparacions at all tymes deducte; and after her decesse, I will my nevew George Columbell and his heres for ever to take and receve the rent therof, to the intent that yerely a dirige and messe of requiem to be done for me and my said wiffe for ever of parcell of the rent ; and the residew thereoff to be gyffyn to the moste porest and nedfull in the same parish after there discretions. And if George and his heres do not bestowe the said rent yerely accordinge to this my will, then I will my said feoff$_3$ do enter into the [*folio* 10] howse and take the rent theroff, and delyver it to the church masters to the use abovesaid. Also I will that foure poundes sterlinge, wich my broder Roger doth owe me for my childes parte of my faders guddes, that my broder John have xx*s*. therof, and Henry Columbell, my nevew, other xx*s*. and my godson, Henry Nedam, have x*s*., and x*s*. for on trentall to be done at the church of Darley for the soullys of my fader and of my moder, and xx*s*. to buy a vestment or a cope to be delyveryd to the church of Blyton. I will that my doughter Dorothe have as gud part of my guddys as eny of myne other doughters, and she have not her feoffment in Clauerynge. To my cosyn George. To Gunthorp my servant. To George my servant. To Henry Blande and Henry Rughton, my godchilder. To Wenefride my servant. I will that Henry Columbell, sonne of George Columbell, have on silver salt with the coverynge to be an herelome at this howse. To Margaret Columbell, sister to the said Henry. To Syr George Smarwhytt vj*s*. viij*d*. of the xx*s*. wich I lent hym. Residew of goods to Margaret my wiffe, whom I make my executrice. Thies beynge wytnesse, George Columbell ; and Syr George Smartwith, parson of Pilham ; and other.

[*folio* 10*d*.] Proved before L., at Lincoln, 27 October, 1531. Admin. granted to Margaret the relict in the person of George Columbell, gentleman, her proctor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SHORYS [OF BOURNE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 125.]

8 August, 1528. I John Shorys of Burne. To William, John,

Robert and Richard my sonys. To Alice and Elizabeth my doughters. Resydue off my goodes to Johanne my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wytnes herof, John Gyrlyng; George Hobson; and John Wilshyer; with other mooy.

Proved before P., at Burne, 23 September, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

[THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LAMYNG OF HACKTHORN].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 229*d.*]

12 August, 1528. I William Lamyng of Hakethorn. First, I witte my saule to almighty God to our Lady sainct Mary and to all the hooly company of heven; and my body to be bureid in the church yerde of Hakthorn. Also my best for my mortuary. Also for for getten tithes half quart' barley. Also for the dischargyng of my conscience anendes the mylne half a quarter of corne. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d.* To sainct Hugh heed iiij*d.*, and to sainct Revina iiij*d.* To every howse of the Freres in Lincoln xij*d.* To the Mawndy on Shere Thursdaie on quart' of barly. To the fyndyng of a lampe afore our Lady vj*s.* viij*d.* To the church of Hakthorn a quart' barly. I will that Jenet my wyff have all the goodes that she brought with her, [etc.]. To my son Robert ij greate oxon, ij stottes, a kowe, a qwye and a horse. To Laurence, William and Edmunde my sons. To Jenett, Elizabeth and Agnes my doghters. To Henry Baxter, Jenett my servant, John Hedon, Jennett Hedon and every on of my godde childer. I make Robert, Lauryns and John my sons myn executours, and I will that they occupie my fermeholde and all that ther to belongith duryng my yeres. The residue of my goodes I giff unto myn executours and my children. I make Thomas Kyrman supervisour. Also Thomas Maynman of Lincoln aughes to me v*s.*; also Nicholas Williamson of West Raysyn aughes to me v*s.*, and that I giff the church of West Raysyn, and vj*s.* viij*d.* to praye for my fader saule, my moder saule and my saule with all cristen saules. Wittenes herof, sir John Gybson, vicar; Thomas Kyrman; John Lammyng; and Thomas Lamyng; with other.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF WILIAM TERRE OF ASFORBY, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 107.]

29 August, 1528. I Wiliam Terre of Asforby, sek' in body, mak this my last testament. My body to be buryed in the church of Alhallows of Hasfordby. I bequieth ffor my princypall my best good aftur custome of the town of Asfordeby. To the hee awlter iiij*d.* To owr lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To Sir Nicholas Chetham x*s.* to singe a trentall for my soull. To Sir Gregory Brystall x*s.* to say another trentall for me, with other of my freyndys whome I hayf faryd the bettur, in Hasfordeby [*page* 108] church. To my doghter Margere a cotage howse, callyd Pye howse, during hur lyfe; and

aftur to remane to Wiliam Muston, hur sone, and his hayres; yf he departt withowtt heyres, I will it remane to Wiliam Terre, my sonne, and to his assyngnars. To the said Margere ij coffers, my best presse pott, my secund panne, my laytyn basinge, ij candell stekes and a cow. To Annes Fouller, my doghter, a nawmbre, a coffer, a presse pott. To Augnes Terre, dowlther to Robert Terre, a brass pott and panne, and they to be in custody of my executors till sche be of lawfull age. I will ij oxe ganges of my landes be lattyn for x ȝere, and the money that comith clere of ytt to hyre a honest prest a hole yere to singe for me and all my guudes frendes, and then the said ij hostgons of londe with all the howsis, landes and rentes that I have in the town and feldes of Hasfordeby and Grymston to remane to my sonne, Wiliam Terre, and to hys assingners ffor ewer more, except afore except. The resydew of my [*sic*] not bequieth I will be at the disposicion of my sone, Wiliam Terre, and Ellanor Muston, whome I mak my executors; [*page* 109] and Wiliam Gregory supervysor. Theis wytnes, Roger Wodus, prest; Wiliam Gregory; Thomas Bredon; and Thomas Webstar; with moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF T. PALMER [OF GREAT HALE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 98.]

4 September, 1528. I Thomas Palmer off Grett Hale, makith my last will. I will that iij acres lande kepe my obbyt, my wyff, my father, my mother, my granfather, my granmother, as long as the law will, gyffyng to the vicar vj*d.* for messe pennys. The resydue to be disposyd in almys dedes. I wyll that my wyff have the house that was Wyrlykan as long as she doth kepe her unmaryd; and aftyr to remane to Robert my sone and my hare. All the resydue off my goodes I gyff to Robert my sone and hare, whome I make my executor to dispose as he thynkes best for the profet off my soule. Wytnes heroff, William Gerge; William Bowthe; John Bell; with other.

Proved before P., at Swaton, 19 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. KOKE [OF PARTNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 139.]

20 September, 1528. I William Koke of Parteney makes thys my last testament. To William Kok, Thomas Koke and John Kok, my sones. To Jenet Koke, Agnes and Alyson Koke, my doughters. Yff it so fortune that yff anny of thes my chylderen do departe or they cum to lefull age, [etc.]. The resydue off [*folio* 139*d.*] my goodes not bequest I gyff them to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix; and John Koke, my sone, to be the supervisor.

Also I William Koke by thys my last will willys and gyffes to Margaret my wyff her lyff the house that I now wne in, the wich I

bought late off Rawff Grene off Parteney ; the wich house standes at the north ende of Parteney, and buttes off the est off the hyghe way, and on the west off the landes off Mr Thorpeth, and off the north off the landes off the lorde Willughby; with on oder house, wich off late I bought off Ric' Sutton, wich standes at the north ende of Parteney, and buttes off the est off the lorde Willughby, and off the south off the lorde of Hagneby, and off the west off the hyghe way; with on coppy holde takyn off the lorde Willughby off a certeyn lande callyd Bawdwynwang ; [remainder in succession] to William Koke, Thomas Kok and John Kok, my sones, and the heyres of their bodies ; [remainder] to Jenet Kok, Agnes Kok and Allyson Kok, my doughters. Thes beryng wittnes, sir William Kolle ; Thomas Grene ; William Kempe ; with other moy.

Proved at Spillesby, 21 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT GRIME [OF LEASINGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 128*d.*]

6 October, 1528. I Robert Gryme of Lessyngham. To my sones, John Gryme and Thomas Gryme. To my doughters, Elizabeth Gryme and Isabell. To William Burton. To Thomas Sampson. I will that on honest prest pray for my soule and all crysten soulys in the church of Lessyngham by the space of a quarter of a yere. To the church masters of Lessyngham church on cow and thre quarters of barly to thentent that they and ther successors shall kepe of the encrease of the cow [*folio* 129] and barly an yerly obbit for my soule, my wyff soule and all cristen soulys, for ever, in the same church, about the feste of Alhalouse and pay yerly at the obbyt to either of the ij parsones or ther deputies iiij*d.*, and ij*d.* for the hei messe pennes, and to the parysh clerke ij*d.*, and also other xij*d.* yff it may be borne to be distributed at the obbyt to ryngers and in other dedys of charite. Also I will that a lyght shalbe founde to burne at service tyme bifore the image of our Lady in the south ile of the same church, of the encrease of the cowe and barly. Resydue of my goodes to Alice my wyff, for the bryngyng up off my chyldren, whome I make myn executrix. Also I ordyn Robert Martyn to be myn executor with her, and he to have the bequestes wich I have gyffen my chyldren in hys kepyng to be delyveryd to them [or the survivors of them] when they shall be maried or elles be at age of xxty yeres ; [remainder to] be disposed amonges my kynnesfolke, wher most nede is, and other dedes of charite for the well of my soule, my wyff soule, ther soules and all cristen soules. And I ordeyn sir Xp'ofer Huchynson, on of the parsones of Lessyngham, to be supervisor, to call upon my executors for the fulfyllyng of thys my will. Thyes beyng wytnes, sir Steven Reys ; William Catlyn ; John Granger ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 November, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SYMSON [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 141*d.*]

14 October, 1528. I Robert Symson of Spaldyng. I will that Margery[1] Symson, my wyffe, have my house on Westlode syde, kepyng it wyth sufficient reparill, to the tyme that Edmund Symson, my son, come to the age of xxty yeres; and then I will the house remane to him; and yff he dy wyth in the forsayd age, I will it remane to Elizabeth Symson, my doughter, at the age aforesaid; and yff she dye with in the sayd age, I will the house be solde by the syght of William Symson and Margery my wyffe, and the on halffe to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule, and the other halffe to remane to my wyff. The resydue off my goodes I put to the disposicion of Margery Symson and William Symson, whome I make my executors. Wytness' heroff, sir Robert Gee; Robert Bawmber; Thomas Day; with other moy.

Proved at Spaldyng, 30 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM THORNTON [OF LOW TOYNTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 128.]

15 October, 1528. I William Thornton of Toynton. To Robert Thornton, my eldest sone, xij sylver sponys, a gret arke, a syde borde, [etc.]. To George Thornton, my sone, a certyn porcion of lande and pasture lying in the towne and felde of Manby in the marche, wich I bought with my peny of Robert Carre of West Asby, sone and heyre of John Carre, late of Dryby; and the forsayd George to do with it what he will in hys lyff; and yff it fortune him to decease and the land beyng unsolde, I will that it go to Robert Thornton, my eldyst sone, and to do with it what he will. To Agnes Thornton, my doughter. To Katheryne Thornton. To William Thornton. To Cassander. To Jenet Thornton. To Henry Thornton, my brother. I will that iij kye be ordenyd to kepe my yere day, my fader and my moder, yerly, and the iij kye to be at the puttyng of my brother sir Charlys. I will that my wyffe have my lande tyll the tyme that the chylde cum to discression that he may occupy it hymselff, and sir Charlys my brother to se that they make no waste of the lande nor of the howsys, [etc.]. [*folio* 128*d.*] To echone of my godchylder iiij*d.* Resydue of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix; and she to bryng up my chylder tyll the tyme that they be habyll to helpe theym selff, wyth my worshypfull lord Richerd the abbot of Kyrkestede to be the overseer, and he to have for hys costes and labor xx*s.* Thyes wyttness', sir Thomas Haber; sir Charlys Thornton; Ric' Newcum; Ric' Thomas; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 16 November, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

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[1] Altered from 'Margaret'.

[THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET WEST, WIDOW, OF WILLINGHAM BY STOW].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 230*d.*]

22 October, 1528. I Margaret West, wedoe, of the paroch of Willingham iuxta Stowe. My body to be buried in the church yerde of Willingham, with my mortuary after the laudable accostom of the said church. To the hie alter of Willingham for tithes and offerringes negligently forgetten iiij*d.* To the reparacions of our Lady werkes at Lincoln iiij*d.* I bequeth my howse which I dwelle in, with the garth, landes and medoes, with all other howses and appurtenances belongyng unto it, to the reparacions of the church of Willingham, and to the [*folio* 231] maynteyning of the steple, and to have yerely ij masses and ij diriges to be doon for the saules of John Weste, my husbande, and myn, and all cristen saules, that on to be doon the daie next after the fest of thappostelles Symon and Judas, if the said daie fall not on the Sondaie, and other to be doon as sone after as may be conveniauntly ; and the curat to have yerely for the said ij masses, ij diriges, and also for the bederolle to praye for the saules of the said John West and myn, xvj*d.*, and ij*d.* to be offerred at the said masses, called commynly hedeman pences, and ij*d.* to the parich clerk for ryngyng the same daies, according to the accostom, and over that xx*d.* to be giffon yerely and[1] brede in[1] ale to the poor peple. I bequeth an howse, which comynly is called the White howse, with a garth on the south side therunto belongyng, unto Avise Sleford, the wiff of Cristofer Sleford, and to the heires of her body ; under this condicion, that she and her heires yerely cause to be doon ij masses and ij diriges with a bederoll for the saules of Robert Gu*n*ne and Alyce his wiff and all cristen saules, and the parson or the curat to have for the said masses, diriges and bederoll xvj*d.*, and ij*d.* to be offerred at the said masses ; and to paie yerely j*d.* to the other howse aforsaid as the cheeff and principall howse. Furthermor, I will that mr Richard Burgh, William Burgh, John West, Thomas West, Thomas Benyngworth, John Benyngworth, Herry Rokley and Richard Rokley, the feoffers of thies my howse and landes as a for is rehersed (except the White howse as a for is specified), shall, at all tymes whan it shalbe thoughed necessary be lerned counsall, make and puttin new feoffers. And I will that Xp'ofer Sleford and Avise his wiff shall dwelle in the principall howse during ther lyves, payng therfor as much as any other will do. Residue of goodes to Cristofer Sleford and Avyse his wiff, and I make mr Ric' Burgh and Thomas Rokley myn executours. Thes beyng wittenes, sir William Childe, curate ; John West ; and Harry Rokley, the yonger ; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

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[1] 'and' and 'in' have been transposed.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BRYGE [OF SAUSTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 78.]

3 November, 1528. I Thomas Brige of Sausthorp. To John Bryge my all [*sic*] such certen lands lying in the towne and feldes of Forthyngton and Ulceby, wich I dyd purchese of Mr John Fulneby of Fulneby, esquire, now ded. And yff so be the sayd John cannot obteyne the sayd land and injoy it, I will he sew [*sic*] the obligacion thereoff to hys use, notwithstandyng my generall deyd and gyft and my afformer will, but ratefying the said dede and will in all other gyfftes, [etc.], whose day beryth date xxviij March, 18 Henry VIII. Wytnes, Sir John Pynder of Saucethorp, chapland; and Alyson Bryg, wyff of the sayd Thomas Bryg; with other moo.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 15 April, 1529. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF ELEONER ROBYNSON [OF BOSTON, GENTLEWOMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 144.]

3 November, 1528. I Eleaner Robynson, of Boston, jentylwoman, makes my testament and last will. I will have a prest to syng for me in Boston church the space of sex yeres, yff it may be borne. To Thomas Welby, my godsun, my house with the purtenance thereto belongyng, lying att the hospytall ende, in the wich Robert Goodbody late dyd dwell, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body, yff the law will it suffre; and yff the law will not suffer it, then I will the sayd Thomas have the sayd house, [etc.], duryng hys lyff; [remainder] accordyng to the last will of Atlarde Bate, my father. To Frauncys Welby v acres and a halff pastur grounde lying in Wrangyll, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body for evermore. I will that my syster, Anne Welby, receyve of my cossyn, Blase Holland, xxty angell nobils that I dyd lende hym, [*folio* 144*d.*] and a golde ryng, or ellys for the golde ryng xx*s*. And yff my sayd syster receyve the sayd ryng, than I will that Blase Holland, sone of the sayd Blase, have the sayd ryng and x angell nobylls of the xxty beforerehersyd [*sic*], a fether bede wyth a bolster, a grene coveryng of verder. To Fraunces Holland, my goddoughtter, x angell nobylls of the xxty beforerehersyd. To the said Fraunces a coverled of yellow and redde of huswyffes makyng, a braspott, a lyttyl pott of a pottell, a panne, halffe a garnysh off vessell. I will that the parcellys so gyffyn unto the sayd Blase and Fraunces remayn in the handes of my sayd syster unto such tyme thei cum to laufull age or the day of their mariage; and ether off them to be other heyr of the sayd bequethmentes; and yff it fortune them bothe to dye, then I will my sayd syster dispose the sayd bequethmentes for ther soulys, my soule, Christian Holland soule and all crysten soulys, [etc.]. I will that my syster Anne have all my stoke at Hundyllhouse. The resydue of all my goodes I will my executors have them for to dispose them for the helth off my soule, whom I make my syster, Anne Welby, and Thomas Welby; by the over-

syght of Mr Thomas Robertson, whome I make supervisor. Thyes beryng witnes, sir Thomas Searsy; frere Thomas Swillyngton; John Swyllyngton; Ric' Clerke; sir Thomas Brygges; with other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 1 February, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HUNT [OF FRAMPTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 140*d.*]

8 November, 1528. I William Hunt of Frampton makes my testament. To Isabell and Agnes my wyff doughters. I will that my iij chyldren, Robert, Jamys and Elizabeth have all my houshold stuff that I brought to the towne. To Robert my sone my hede messuage with the appurtenaunces and on acre of pasture that I bought of William Clerke, and on acre of arabyll land lying at John Laurence yerde ende, with on acre and a halffe callyd Abe lande, to hym, hys heyres and hys assygnes. I will that ij pesys of pastur the wich I bought of Thomas Spenlowfe remane to Johan my wyff the terme of hyr lyff; and aftur hyr decease [*folio* 141] to remane to Jamys my sone, with v rode off arabyll lande lying in Rustonyng, and v rode pastur that I bought of William Alger, and ij acr' of arable lande lying in Kyrton Howme, to hym hys heyres and hys assygnes. I will that Robert and Jamys my sonys pay yerly to my mother accordyng to my father hys will[1] xij*s.* I will that Elizabeth my doughter have to hyr mariage vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, to be takyn vj*l.* off Richard Hunnyng of Algerkyrke, and of John Laurence xiij*s.* iiij*d.* The resydue I putt to the disposicion of Robert Hayland and John Cony of Kyrton, whom I make my executors. Thyes beyng wytnes, Sir John Lee, priest; Thomas Wormesley; and John Tunnarde; with many moy.

Proved at Swyneshed, 29 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD HAMOND OF WADYNGTON.

[L.C.C. 1520-31, *f.* 159*d.*]

14 November, 1528. I Richerd Hamond makys my testament. My body to be buryed with in the church of Wadyngton, and for my mortuary after the lawe and custome of holy church. To the hygh alter of Wadyngton vj*d.*, and to the church of the same iij*s.* iiij*d.*, and to our Lady warke of Lincoln vj*d.* To John Hamond, my cosyn, the sun of my brother, John Hamond, after the decease of me, my house and lande and that I holde by coppy of the college of Tateshale. Moreover I gyff to the sayd John my cosyn all my land and medoy that I holde of the duke[2] or of any other lord with in the lordshyp of Wadyngton. I wyll that the sayd John my cosyn dispose for the helthe of my soule and of my frendes soulys of hys proper goodes xl*s.* Moreover I gyff to every on of my godchylder a stryk

[1] See *L.R.S.*, v, pp. 170-1.
[2] The duke of Lancaster.

of barly. I wyll that my wyffe have a bed rowme in my house duryng her lyff yff so be that she and my sayd cosyn John can agre togeder. Resydue to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix that she may dispose for my soule and all crysten soulys; and my brother, John Hamond, and my brother Robert, and my cosyn, sir Robert Hamond, prest, to be my supervisors. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Hamond; John Hamond; Robert Hamond; John Osler; Thomas Colson; Thomas Alyn; Wylliam Mason; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF HELENE ATKYNSON [OF WADDINGHAM ST. MARY'S].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 3*d.*]

22 November, 1528. I Elyn Atkynson, sike in body. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Marys in Wadingham. I bequeth for my mortuarye as the law requires. To the churchwarke of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hye awter of owre Ladys church in Wadingham viij*d.* To the church warke of the same xij*d.* To the hye awter of saynt Peters in Wadingham iiij*d.* To the church warke of the same iiij*d.* To the chapell of saynt Johan' in Snyterby iiij*d.* To sir Alex' Castilforth x*s.* for a trentall. Residew unto myn executors, William Atkinson, Robert Stampe. [*folio* 4] Thies wytnes, sir Alex' Castilforth; Richard Philip; Roger Philip; John Edward; Thomas Stoderd; with other moo.

Proved before L., at Spittill streit, 21 March, 1530. Admin. granted to William Atkinson, Robert Stampe refusing, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF EDMUND KNYGHT [OF WRANGLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 142.]

26 November, 1528. I Edmunde Knyght of Wrangle. To my wyff my dwellyng house and the grounde that it standyth upon duryng hyr lyff; and after her deth I will that my iij doughters have the grounde in fe simple; and yff any of them dye before my wyff, then I will that it remane to them that shall be then alyff; [remainder] to be solde and disposyd for my soule, my wyffes soule and all crysten soulys. Resydue to Helyn my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes beyng wittnes, sir Thomas Potter; Ric' Asby; John Knyght; with other.

Proved at Boston, 1 February, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CHAPMAN [OF THORNTON LE MOOR].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 138.]

30 November, 1528. I John Chapman off Thornton. To John my sone xx*s.* and to every on of my iij dowghters xxvj*s.* viij*d.* I witt to sum good honeste prieste x*l.* for ij yeres salary to be done at Thornton to pray for my soule and all my frende soulys. I will that my feoffys stand feoffed off all such landes, [etc.], as I dyd possesse

them in; to receyve all rentes to the ende of viij yeres for the use off thys my will. And [then] I will that my feoffȝ do release to Agnes my wyff all the sayd landes, [etc.], duryng hyr lyff; and [then] I will that the feoffys releyse the landes to John my sone and to the heyres of hys body; [remainder] to my iij doughters and to ther heyres of ther bodys by even porcions to be shyffytt; [remainder] to the other too, and so do descende from on to a nother. The resydue I gyff to Agnes my wyff and to Robert Chapman, my brother, whome I make my executors. And my brother Robert to have for hys labor x*s*. I mak my sone, John Wryght, over sear with my brother Robert in ferderance off my wyff because she is agyd and may not labor, and he to have for hys pane and labor x*s*. Thies beyng wittnes, sir Thomas Staynburne, parson ther; John Robynson; William Brompton; and Thomas Athall; with others. I will that John Chapman, my sone, have halffe off all my moveable goodes qwyk and dede, save only my inward howshold stuff, [etc.]. Witnesses as above.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 15 January, 1528.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FEN [OF HALTON HOLEGATE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 139*d.*]

14 December, 1528. I John Fen off Halton. To Agnes my wyff the house that I bought off sir Thomas Burton the terme off hyr lyff; [remainder] to Bennet [*folio* 140] my sone and to hys heres or assignes. I will that ij landes that John Smyth dyd gyff me in hys last will be solde for payng off my dettes; and the resydue of my goodes not witt I gyff to Agnes my wyff for to pay my dettes; and I make to be my executors Agnes my wyff and William Harde. Thes wyttnes, sir John Sylke, parysh prest; William Bought; William Sykke; and other moy.

Proved at Spillesby, 21 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BAYLY [OF SALTFLEET HAVEN, MARINER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 139.]

16 December, 1528. I John Baly, marener, of Salflethaven in the paryshe of Skydbrowke. To Elizabeth my wyff the house that John my sone dwellys in duryng hyr lyff; and aftyr her deth I will it be sold be my said sone and disposyd for the helth off my soule and my wyffes and all cristen soulys, [etc.]. To John my sone and hys heyres off hys body the house that I dwell in; [remainder to be] sellyd and disposyd for the helth off my soule and my wyffes. To John my sone the Takyll house with all thinges within it; also the house that Kelle dwellyd in, to kepe a obbit for me and my wyff yerly, yff it may be borne. The rest of my goodes to John my sone, whome I make executur. Thies wittnes, sir William Edmundson, curat; William Browght; and William Browne.

Proved before P., at Mukton, 20 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN COKE [OF GOXHILL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 138*d.*]

18 December, 1528. I John Coke of Gouxill. To Agnes my doughter v markes. The resydue not witt I bequeth equally to be devydyd to Jenet my wyff and Henry my son, whom I do make my executors. I do make Thomas my brother and Thomas Hoghson the supervisors. Wittnes heroff, Thomas Clerke; and Roger Gentyll; with many moy.

Proved before P., at Castre, 16 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MAY [OF ST. MARGARET'S IN THE CLOSE, LINCOLN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 140.]

24 December, 1528. I John May off the parysh off saynt Margaretes with in the Close of Lincoln. To Jane my wyff doughter on sylver spone, [etc.]. I will that my wyffe have my beades of corall with lviijty beades, ij rynges and a crucifix of sylver, duryng hyr lyff; and after her decease I will my sone John have them. To Margaret my servant. To John my sone vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* when he cumys to laufull age, [etc.]. Resydue to Margery my wyff, whome I make my executrice, she to dispose for my soule as she thynkes most expedyent. I make Master John Smyth, commessary of Stowe, supervisor, and bequeth to hym for hys labor iij*s.* iiij*d.* Thyes beyng wytnes, sir Thomas Ingyll, parysh prest; Rauf Balguye, preste; Rauffe Wallys; and Robert Golland; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 January, 1528. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MEDOYS OF PYNCHBEK.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 183*d.*]

31 December, 1528. I John Medoys of Pynchbek. To William my sone all my land lying in Trustrop and in Falstrop to have and to holde to hym and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to Margaret my doughter and to her heyres of her body; [remainder] to the next of my blode. To Margaret my doughter my house that I dwell in in fee symple to gyff or to sell. All other thynges I putt to the disposicion of William my sonne and Margaret my doughter, whome I make my executors to pay my dettes and to bryng me furthe, with the oversyght of John Tyd. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Wylliam Bewyk, prest; William Robynson; Hewe Cowper; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 22 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BROWNE [OF QUADRING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 141.]

9 January, 1528. I Thomas Browne of Quadryng. To Margaret my wyff. To William my sone my house wich I dwellyd in, and on acre of lande lying at Hotton Crosse, to hym, hys heyres and assignes, with thys condicion that he shall pay to Helyn my doughter at the age of xvj yeres xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To Robert my sone a pece off lande callyd Halyday lande to hym, hys heyres and assignes, so that he pay to Helene my doughter at the age of sextene yeres vj*s.* viij*d.* ; also a bote with foure elenettys. To Margaret my doughter. To Thomas Browne the yonger. To Symon Chatterys. I will that a honest secculer prest syng for [*folio* 141*d.*] my soule the space of a quarter off a yere, yff my goodes will extende. The rest off my goodes to Simon Houlton, prest, wich I make my executor sole, that he may paye my dettes. Wittnes heroff, Syr Gyles Wood, prest; John Browne ; with many others.

Proved at Swyneshed, 29 January, 1528. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT RYDDER [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 397.]

11 January, 1528. I Robert Rydder of Boston. My body to be buryed in the blak frerys of Boston. To my mortuary aftyr the custome of the towne of Boston. To the high altare of St. Botulphe of Boston xij*d.* To our lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To William my sonne one house in fe symple with all the stuff that is therin, with ij acres of grounde longyng therto, within the parysche of St. Thomas in Waynflete. I will that Jenet my wyff have the [premises] the terme of her lyff, yff sche be disposyd to dwell in it, [etc.]. To the same William vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, a bed, that is to say, a materes, a coveringe, a [*folio* 397*d.*] pare of schetes, ij pilloys, with bedstokes, [etc.], and the sayd stuffe to remayn in the handes off Richerd Shalloke the yonger to suche tyme as my sonne cum to xxjty yeres of age. Yff he dye withowt heres of hys body, I will that the halff of hys bequethementes remayn to Elizabethe my doughter and the other halff to be disposyd for my soule. To Elizabethe my doughter vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, [etc.], when she cumyth to xix yeres of age. And it fortune Jenet my wyff to mary, then I will that she delyver Elizabeth bequethementes to Richerd Shallokes the yonger for the behoyff of Elizabethe. And yff it fortune Elizabeth to dye withowt heyres of hyr body, I will fyve markes off her bequethementes be disposyd in dedes of charite, and the resydue to be devydyd emong my wyffes chyldren. To Robert Orsby a worstyd dooblet, a ledder dooblet and a jerkyn. To Richerd Smythe a stethy and the stok that it standes in, a trough, the belloys, ij tewers, a skowmer, iij pares of tonges, croke, stedy, ij grete hamers and a hand hamer, a vise and the stole that it standes in, a thystell, my fylys and a butter. To Jenet Smyth, yff she lyff to Michelmes,

a qwy. Also I will yff the sayd Richerde Smyth do trobill my executors for any thyng, then I will he have none of my bequethmentes. To Beatrix Orsby. I will have ij trentallys done for me at *Scala celi* in Boston churche. To Alyson my wyffes doughter. The resydue I gyff unto Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix to fulfyll my will, by the oversight of Richerde Shallok, [*folio* 398] whome I make supervisor. To sir Thomas my sonne v*s*. [*sic*] viij*d*. I will that sir Thomas my sonne medyll not with my executors for none of my goodes. Thes beryng wytnes, Sir Thomas Searsy; William Kellet; Bryan Waryner; sir John Jogge; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 August, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE ABRAHAM [OF SKIRBECK[1]].

[L.C.C., 1535-7, *f.* 97*d*.]

20 January, 1528. I Alson Abraham. My body to be buryd by my husbande in our Lady qwere in St. Nicholes kyrke, and my mortuary as the lawe will. I will that one prest syng for my husbande soule, my soule and all xp'en soulys for the space of vj monethes at our Lady altare in the sayd kyrke. To the high altare for tithes forgottyn xij*d*., and to the holly roode light iiij*d*., and to our Lady light viij*d*., and to our Lady pety light iiij*d*., and to St. George light iiij*d*., and to St. Jamys ij*d*., and to St. Catheryn ij*d*. To our Ladys warke of Lincoln xij*d*., and to the fatherles children of St. Catheryns viij*d*. I will that Stephyn Abraham, my suns sun, have viij*l*. that was gyven [*folio* 98] hym by my husbandes mynde. I will that he have xl*s*. more, [etc.]. I will that my syster doughters ether of them have xiij*s*. iiij*d*. of the money that is in ther fathers handes. To Jenet Ressys. To Nell Chapman, my goddoughter. To John Codbodye, my godsun, and Alice Wylson, my goddoughter. All the reste of my good I gyff to Stephyn Abraham, my suns sun, to be delyveryd to have at the ende of hys yeres by the handes of Gylberte Dale, whome I make my executor, with Stephyn Abraham, my sonnys sun. I will that William Murre have vj*s*. viij*d*., and he to helpe myn executors and to overse them. Before thes wytnes, William Laueroke; Robert Wylson; Thomas Thyssysworthe; sir Adam Pottes; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 30 March, 1536. Admin. granted to Stephen Abraham, Gilbert Dale being meanwhile prevented by death.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BLYSSE ALIAS MOTHO OF SCALFORD, [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p*. 94.]

24 January, 1528. I Thomas Blysse *alias* Mothow off Scalford. My body too be buried with in the church off Scalford, and my best gode for my principall. To our lady off Lincoln ij*d*. To the hy alter off Scalford ij*s*. To the lyght off sanct Pulcare xij*d*. To the

[1] See *L.R.S.*, v., p. 158.

image off our Lady in Scalford halff a pund waxe; and to the image off our Lady in the church porch halff a pund off waxe; and to the reparacion off Scalford church iij*s*. iiij*d*.; and to the church off Clauston iiij*s*. To my cosyne, William Mason, xxiiij*s*. that my brother, Henry Moth', ought unto me off dewty for vj sylver spones and a fetherbed. Residew [*page* 95] to my cosyne, William Mason, ande to Agnes my wyffe, whom I make my executoures; and I do make Robert Wourthington supervisor. Wytnes, Sir Thomas Smyth, vicare off the same towne; William Frysby; and Thomas Nyke; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JO. GELL [OF HALTON HOLEGATE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 77.]

28 January, 1528. I John Gell of Halton makes my last will. I wite my soule, [etc.]. My body to be buried in the churchyerd of St. Androw in Halton, and my best thyng to be my mortuary according to the costume. I wyt to our lady of Lincoln werke xij*d*. I wit to the high awter in Halton to the reparacion viij*d*. I wit to oure oder[1] in the same churche iiij*d*. I wit to the belles in the same churche xvj*d*. To John my son a blak arke of oke and a throne chayre, a maser, [etc.]. To Agnes my doughter a hernest gyrdil with a blew corps, [etc.]. To John my son my best gyrdill, my best bedes, after the decease of his moder. I wit to Agnes my doughter a payre of corall beades and ij kye when she is xxty yeres of age, [*folio* 77*d*.] and [remainder] to John my son, when he is xxti yeres of age, and thus the other of theym to be oder heyres; and if they both dye with in the age aforsaid, then I will all the goodes shalbe selled by myne executours, and the half of the money to be disposed to a prest to syng for me and all my good frendes in Halton churche; and the other half I gyf to Alice my wif. I will that my wif have the house in Waynflet St. Maryes the terme of her lif; [remainder] to John my sone; and if he dye with out heyres, then I will that it remayne to Agnes my doughter; and if that bothe die with out heyres, then I will the howse be selled and the money to be gyven to poore men for to pray for my sole and all criston soules. I will that a prest sing for me a quarter of a yere in Halton churche. The residue of my goodes not wit I gif to Alice my wif to bryng me to the gronde, [etc.]. And I ordeyne to be myne executours Alice my wif and William Herd; and I will William Drop be supervisour. This witnes, sir John Syke, parishe prest; William Bough; John Bullok, the yong'; John Sampy; with other.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 14 April, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGATHA FLEMYNG [OF HORNCASTLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 145*d*.]

10 February, 1528. I Agatha Flemmyng makyth thys my testa-

[1] Supply 'altar'.

ment and last will. To be buryed in the church of our Lady of Horncastre ; and my best to my mortuary as law and custome ther requiryth. I bequeth all my moveable goodes to Henry Chambers off Horncastre off the gylde of saynt Katherine with in the church of our Lady of Horncastre, alderman, John Barcar of the same, and Oliver Lovell off the same, and off the sayd gylde chamberlainys, to sell my goodes, and to dispose them in good warkes off pitie, namely, to the hygh alter off our Lady off Horncastre, for tithes forgotten, and to every saynt off lyght in Horncastre church, to our Lady of Lincoln, and into other good dedys as far as my goodes will extende. I will the alderman and chamberlanys cause *placebo* with *dirige* to be song in the church aforesayd thys same day afore wrytt toward nyght, and messe of *requiem* to be song with note tomorowe the next day insuyng the makyng heroff, for my soule, whose soule God parden, wich sayd alderman and chamberleyns I orden my executors to fulfyll thys my last will and mynde nexte herto adiuned, with my very propre hand assealed.

Also I the forsayd Agatha, the day and yere above wrytt, willyth and gyffyth to the gylde off saynt Katheryne aforesayd my house that I dwell in wyth all the appurtenaunces therto belongyng, and they be buyldyd and lying with in the towne and feldes of Horncastre aforesayd, [*folio* 146] so that the alderman and chamberlayns and ther successors for ever fynde on yerly obbit of sex shellynges eyght pennys to be song ever more in the church aforesayd, the vary same day of the moneth that it shall please God to make my departyng, for my soule and the soule of sir John Eston, my godfather, wich bought thys my sayd house and dyd gyff it to my father and mother the terme of ther lyffys, and aftyr ther deseases to me and the heyres of my body. Because I have none heyres of my body I gyff to Henry Chambers of Horncastre, alderman of the gylde of saynt Katheryne, John Barcar of the same and Olyver Lovell of the same, of the forsayd gylde chamberlanys, my forsayd house, [etc.], as frely as my godfather dyd gyff it to me: to hold to them to the behuff of the said gylde, kepyng yerly my sayd obbit, and doyng the service to the cheffe lordes off that ffee theroff dew; into more strenth and performance of thys my gyffte includyng the verey forme off my dede of gyfft accordyng to a former gyffte mayd by me to the forsayd gylde, as more playnly apperyth in certen wrytyng indentyd, yff they may be forth cumyng, mayd and sealyd byfore my lady Margaret Copledyke, latly of Horncastre, now dede, Phylip Stevenson off the same, [*folio* 146*d.*] now ded, Rayff Barowys of the same, yit on lyff, Robert Halgarth off the same, yit on lyff, with divers other of the same, yit on lyff :—Almen shall know that I Agatha Flemyng, in my veray propre person, in the day off the makyng heroff, abowt aleven of the clokke of the same day, to have gyffyn to Henry Chambres, alderman, John Barcar and Olyuer Lovell, chamberlanes of the gylde off saynt Katheryne, and to ther successors for ever full possession and seasine off and in the sayd house with all and singler thappurtenaunces to the use of

thys my last will. Witnesses, Syr Peter Lyllum, my gostly father, and of Horncastre parysh priest ; Robert Halgarth of the same ; Robert Lovell of the same ; Robert Sperlyng of the same ; and John Maydenwell of the same ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 5 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. GLEPPYS [OF GEDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 82.]

12 February, 1528. I William Gleppys of Gedney in Holland. To Helene my wyff all my landes, mesuages, [etc.], as well frehold as coppy holde, with in the towne and felde of Gedney, of all the third, costom and lordshyp holdyn with in the sayd towne, aftyr the maner and custom, to hyr and hyr assygnes the terme of lyff ; and, aftyr her deth owt of thys transitory worlde, to William, Robert, John, Richard and Thomas, my sonnys, in maner foloyng—to William my sone and to [*folio* 82*d.*] the heyr of hys body iij acre and di. off ffreholde, and on acre of copyholde ner adionyd to the sayd iij acre and di., when he cummys to xxty yeres ; to Robert Gleppys, my sone, my principall messuage, lying in Chapell Gate streyt, and too acre pasture wherupon the sayd messuage standes off, to hym and to the heyres of hys body ; to John my sone a tenement, lying in Chappell Gate streyt, nere unto Chapell Bryg, with on acre and di. wherof the sayd tenement stands upon, other ways callyd Carter Grene, and on acre and di. lying in Riffeld, to him and to the heyres of hys body ; to Richard Gleppys, my sone, on tenement lying in Sedyke Gate, sumtyme the tenement of Alice Dobbyt, late of Gedney, with iij acre and on roode, part wherof the sayd tenementes stand uppon, to hym and to thers of hys body ; to Thomas my sone and to thers of hys body too acre pastur lying in Claypolle ; [remainder in each case] to the eldyst off them that ys then lyffyng, [etc.] ; [remainder in default of issue to be] [*folio* 83] solde by the church warden of Gedney, and all such moneys as is imployed to be disposyd with in the church of Gedney for my soule and all my good frende soulys. Resydue to Helene my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thyes wytnes, sir Robert Sampson, prest ; William Bokkew ; Robert Clarkson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spald', 19 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD OSSE [OF GOSBERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 84.]

17 February, 1528. I Richerd Osse of Gosberkyrke. I will that Agnes my wyff have my house aftyr the mynd of my fathers will ; [remainder to] Thomas my sone, to hym, hys heyres [*folio* 84*d.*] and hys assignes, under thys condicion that he pay to Margaret and Agnes hys systers and to John hys brother the elder to every on of them xiij*s.* iiij*d.* Yff it fortune that John, Margaret

and Agnes or anny of them decease before ther mother, (as God defende), then I will that the partes of them beyng departyd owt off thys worlde do remayn alone to Thomas my sone or to hys heyres or hys assignes, [etc.]. I will that Agnes my wyff have all my houshold stuff unto her fyndyng. Resydue of my goodes to Thomas my sonne, the wich I orden to be my executor to pay my dettes, and to dispose them into good warkes for the helth of my soule. Thyes beyng wytnesses, sir Thomas Aannes; Thomas Stybberd; Thomes Wassell; Thomas Hogbody; and Robert Osse; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 20 April, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BURRELL [OF BARDNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 132*d.*]

23 February, 1528. I Thomas Burrell of Bardeney. To my brother, John Burrell, the halffe of my bote and xx*s.*; he to be good to my mother; and my doughter Elizabeth shall have the other halffe of my bote. To the prior and convent of Nocton vj*s.* viij*d.* Resydue of housholde stuff to my doughter. I will that Thomas Sybbryan have kepyng of her with her parte to she be of laufull age; wich Thomas I make my executor and John Burrell; with oversyght of sir Edmund Watson, vicare. These witnesses, Brianne Maver et Xp'ofero Rawlynson cum aliis.

Proved at Lincoln, 7 May, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROGER PERCHE [OF SWINESHEAD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 86.]

25 February, 1528. I Roger Perche of Swyneshed. I will that Ame my doughter have my messe with the appurtenaunces duryng the terme of x yeres, that she pay my dettes therwith, so that she kepe my messe well reparyd wyth wyndthyght and waterthyght; [remainder in succession] to William and John my sonnes and to the [*folio* 86*d.*] heyres of ther bodies; [remainder] to Johan and Ame my doughters and to the heyres of ther bodyes; [remainder to] be solde be my feoffes, [etc.], and the mony therfore to be receyvyd they to dispose it uppon the most necesseries of the church of Swyneshed by the advice of the vicar and the church wardens for the tyme beyng. I will that my feoffes off and in my sayd messe shall stand seassyd therof, ther heyres and assignes, to the use of thys my will. I will that the sayd Johane and Ame my doughters have on acre off hempe lande, the wich I hold be copy unto Michelmes next cumyng; and then they to pay the yeres rent therof to the lord. I will that William Bennet of Swyneshed be supervisor of thes premesses. Resydue to Amee my doughter, who I do make my executrice. Thyes wytnesses, sir Thomas Garton, vicar of Swyneshed; Thomas Wolmer of Wigtofte, gent'; William Bennet

of the same ; Ric' Wryght of Swyneshed ; Ric' Benacle of the same, the elder ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 21 April, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. KNOPE [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 145.]

1 March, 1528. I Thomas Knope of Spaldyng. To Margaret Knope, my wyff, iiij*l.* in mony or mony worthe, and my house on Westlade syde duryng hyr lyff, kepyng it wyth sufficient reparill ; and yff she dye of hyr sykenes, then I will the money be dysposyd in prestes syngyng in the church of Spaldyng for our soulys and all crysten soulys. To Robert Knope and Thomas Knope, my sones ; and to Katheryne and Elysabeth Knope, my doughters ; and yff any off them dye with in the age of mariage, then I will that every on off them be others heyres ; and yff so fortune that they all dye or they be maryed, then I will [that their portions] be solde by the handes of my executors, and to be dysposyd for the helth of our soulys. I will be brought furth with *placebo* and *dirige* and messe of *requiem*. The resydue of my goodes I will they remayn in the handes of Robert Rydysdalle and John Halcoke to the behoyff of my chyldren ; wich Robert and John I ordeyn my executors ; and Thomas Talyngtone to be supervysor. Wyttnes, sir Robert Gee ; William Payne ; John Clerke ; Robert Bocher ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 2 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILIAM SEBORNE [OF CLAYBROOKE, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 83.]

3 March, 1528. I Wiliam Seborn. My body to be buried in the chirch of Clebrowke. I bequieth to my mortuary my best beyste aftur the custome and maner of the contre. To the mother church of Lincoln ij*d.* To the parich churche of Clebrooke xij*d.* To sanct Nicolas aulter xl*d.* To the parich church a bord clothe to mak a aulter cloth on. The residew [*page* 84] I gyfe to Thomas my sonne, my executor, to dispose for the helthe of my soull and all chrystyn solles. Theis bering wytnes, John Rede ; John Webstar ; John Dafferne ; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY PERCY [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 236.]

5 March, 1528. I Henry Percy of Soterton. My body to be buryd within the church yerde of our blessyd lady in Soterton, and my mortuary aftyr the custome. To the high altare of our lady of Soterton for tithys forgottyn vj*d.* ; and to the anowrmente of every altare in the same churche ij*d.* To the churche warke ther xij*d.* To the light callyd the Hogners light iiij*d.* To the church warke

of our mother churche of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphans of St. Catheryns withowt the wallys ther ij*d*. I will that Margaret Percy, my wyff, have aftyr my decese my mansion at the churche, with the purtenaunces, contenyng iiij acres, to the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease to remane to Richerde Percy, my [*folio* 236*d*.] sonne, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to John Percy, my sonne, to hys heyres or assygnes. I will that my mansion that I dwell in remayn to the forsayd John Percy, accordyng aftyr my father will. I will that my horsse mylne continew and stand styll in the house. To John Percy, my sonne, v roode pasture, callyd Cherygarthe, to hym and to hys heyres and assygnes. To Margaret my wyff viij acr' pasture unto the tyme that Richerde Percy, my sone, be xij yeres to the fyndyng of the same Richerde; and then I will the sayd viij acr' remayn to Richerd my sonne, to hym and hys heyres and assygnes; and, yff he dye within lawfull age, to remayn to John Percy, my sonne, to hym, to hys heyres or hys assygnes. To Agnes Percy, my doughter, the space of xxty yeres, one cotage, callyd Dycson house, contenyng halff on acre, she [keeping] the sayd mansion with lawfull reparacion; [remainder] to John Percy, my sonne, to hym and hys heyres and to hys assygnes. To Agnes Bray, my syster. To John Bray, her sonne. Resydue to Margaret Percy, my wyff, whome I make my executrix, to bryng my body to the holy moldes, to dispose for the helthe of my soule, the soulys of my father and my mother, all my good frendes and all crysten soulys, [etc.]. I will that William Booke helpe my wyff and be the supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, sir John Wryght, parysh prest; John Alleyn, the yonger; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 22 May, 1531, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD PERY OF KYRTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 87.]

5 March, 1528. I Richard Pery of Kyrton in Holand. [*folia* 87*d*.] My body to be buried in the churche of the blessed apostelles St. Peter and Paule of Kyrton. And I bequeth in the name of my mortuarie after the custome of the towne. To the high aulter of Kyrton for tithes forgoten vj*s*. viij*d*., and to every aulter vj*d*. And to the churche warke of Kyrton xl*s*. To the Trinitie gilde of Kyrton iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our ladies warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the orphauns of St. Catherine vj*d*. To every ordre of freres in Boston iij*s*. iiij*d*. Also I wil that my wif have viij kye, viij calves, xl yowes and ther lambes and ij of my best mares, and iiij mares that were her owne, one amblyng [*sic*] that was Thomas Fowles, and all the houshold stuf that she brought un to me, and vj fen kye and ther calves. Also I will that my wif have her fyndyng of whete and malte and other corne to the fest of St. Michel next coming, and x nete of ij yeres olde and xxti hogges. Also I will that Jenet my doughter have xl marc' in money, and x marc' in money to her chambre. Also I will that iche one of Thomas Fowle children have

one qwy with the calf. The residue to William Pery, my sone, and Humfrey Pery, my sone, whome I make my executors, to pey my dettes and to dispose my goodes to the most pleasur of God and helth of my soule. And I wil Thomas Roper be supervisor. Thies beyng witnesses, sir John Bruster of Kyrton ; sir George Lincoln of the same towne ; John Donyngton of the same towne ; with other more.

5 March, 20 Henry VIII. This is the last will of me Richard Pery of Kyrton in Holand made ther. To Marget my wif my hed mansion that I owne in, with ix acre landes lyeng under hit, and iij acr' landes and di. leyng in Algate, [*folio* 88] and v acr' pasture leyng in Lokholm, and iiij acr' arrable landes leyng in Ayres feldes, all the terme of her lif. Also I will she kepe my hed mansion in sufficient reparacion, and that she make no wast in fellyng wode of the grownde. Also I will that she kepe John Pery, my sone, and Jenet Pery, my doughter, to the tyme that they shall be at age of xxti yeres. I gif to William Pery, my sone, all my landes ther I have leyng of the west and south side of the common sewer of Kyrkton in fee simple. I wil that my hed mansion with all the landes that I have [geven to Margarett my wife remayne to William my son in fee symple after her decease. Also I geve unto the forseid William my son the lands that I have[1]] in the tenure of Frauncys Browne, esquyer. I gif to Humfrey Pery, my sone, ij mesuages, one cotage, and all my landes, [etc.], in the est and north side of the common sewer of Kyrton in fee symple, excepte thos landes that I have in the tenure of Fraunces Browne, esquyer. Also I will that William and Humfrey Pery, my sones, pay to John Pery, my sone, xl*l.* sterlinge, that is to say, xx poundes of William Pery and xx*l.* of Humfrey Pery ; in this condicion that the forsaid John Pery shal clayme no title in the shifte of Richemond fee, and if he do, he shall forfete the forsaid xl*l.* If John my sone be mynded to be prentyse, then I will that William and Humfrey my sones delyver to Thomas Roper, my supervisour, suche one summe of money that he thynketh shalbe necessary to the forsaid John at his entreng to his prentiship ; and I will the residue of the forsaid summe of xl*l.* be delyvered to John my sone by the handes of William and Humfrey my sones or ther executours or assignes at age of xxj yeres. Thies witnes, sir John Bruster of Kyrton ; sir George Lincoln of the same towne ; John Donyngton of the same towne ; with other mor'.

Proved before P., 2 June, 1529, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JO. JOSSON [OF SUTTERTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 84*d.*]

11 March, 1528. I John Josson of Soterton. I will that my executors fynde on seculer annwall preste to syng on trentall afore

[1] The words within brackets have been omitted in the registered copy at Lincoln, but they appear in the testator's inquisition post mortem (*Inq. post mortem*, Exchequer series II, file 563, no. 15).

our swete lady of Soterton, with in the space of iij yeres after my decease, for my soule, the soulys of my father and my mother, and all xp'en soulys. I will that Agnes my wyff pay to William my sone, when he cumys to the age off xxty yeres, xxvj*s*. [*folio* 85] viij*d*. yff he be content and not trobyll hys mother for moveable and unmoveable goodes, or ellys the sayd William to lak the forsayd xxvj*s*. viij*d*. To Thomas and John my sones. I will that all my land and pastur, contenyng vj acr' and on roode, remayn to Agnes my wyff for xxty yeres; [remainder] aftyr the sayd space or aftyr her decease, to William, Thomas and John my sonys evenly to be devyded betwyx them thre. The resydue to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix; and I will that William Boke and Roger Bennet be my supervisors. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir John Wryght, parysh prest; William Gebon; Ric' Benecle; with other.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 20 April, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES BUKNALL [OF THIMBLEBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 78*d*.]

12 March, 1528. I Agnes Buknall. To Robert, William and Henry my sones. To Robert Buknall, my sone, all my housys and landes lying within the towne and feldes of Thymolby to have and to hold to hym and to hys heyres of hys body, so that he fynde the sayd Henry hys brother at skole to he cum to laufull age off a prest; yff so be Henry will not be a prest, then I will Robert to be dyschargyd of hym, and the sayd Henry to take hys awne chaunce. Provydyd yff Robert dye without heyres of hys body, then I will all the [premises] besolde and the mony thereoff to go to the church of Thymolby to be song and prayd for in the sayd church for my soule and the soule of John Buknall, my husband, and the soulys off all other good frendes. Residue of goodes to the forsayd Robert Buknall, whom I make my executor. Wyttness, Sir Thomas Forloueff the parysh prest of Thymolby; William Jakson of the same; and Henry Yorke of the same; with other moy.

Proved at Horncastle, 15 April, 1529. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD QUYKRELL [OF BOSTON, NOTARY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 247*d*.]

13 March, 1528. I Richarde Quykrell of Boston, notarye, constytute and orden my testamente in ȝe wheche conteynythe my laste wyll. My body to be buryed nyȝhthe the sepulture place of John Quykrell, some tyme my father, by the crosse callyd Powllhyrd; and my mortuary after the custome of the town of Boston. To the alter of saynt Botulphe of Boston iiij*d*. To ower lady of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the fatherles chyldren at saynt [*folio* 248] Katherenes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the appostyll gylde in the churche of Boston for amendyng of areymentes viij*d*. The resedew of my goodes I quethe them to Margarett my wyll [*sic*], whom I make my executryx, by the oversyȝht of John Paxton, whom I make surveer

of my wyll. Thes beyng wyttnes, Sur Thomas Cersy, curate; Stephyn Wodheuse; William Hawthorne; and William Harbreyd; wyth other moe.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, [1532].

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SOWTHE [OF ORBY].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 79.]

16 March, 1528. I John Sowthe of Orby. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of all Halloys in Orby; and my mortuary as the lawe requirys. To our Lady of Lincoln vj*d*. To the high altare of Orby iiij*d*. To the roode lyght of Orby iiij*d*. To the kyrk of Orby for all maner thyng x*s*. To Willobe, Welton, Baro, Candylsby and Gunby kyrkes iiij*d*. [apiece]. To Alyson my doughter. To every order of frerys in Boston iiij*d*. To Helene my doughter. To Agnes my doughter ij acres [*folio* 79*d*.] fre lande, callyd Gayllard lande, her lyff; and at the decesse of her it to be solde and to be disposyd for the helthe of ther soulys that it cam of. To Margaret Sowthe, dougter to the sayd Agnes. The resydue of my goodes not bequethyd nor wit I put to the discrestion of Agnes my doughter, whome I make my executrix; and Sir Robert Snaith to be supervisor. Wytnes, Thomas Chawmers; Herry Brun; Walter Barre; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 24 October, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF LAURENCE SOWTER [OF LONG SUTTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 338.]

17 March, 1528. I Laurence Sowter of Sutton in the dioc' of Lincoln. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of our Lady in Sutton. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the prior of Castelacre iiij*d*. To the reparacion of our Lady church in Lincoln ij*d*. To the pore chyldren at st. Catheryns ij*d*. To the iiij principal gildes within the churche of Sutton to iche of them iiij*d*. To the light of st. Anne gilde vj*d*. To st. Jamys light ij*d*. To st. Catheryne light ij*d*. To st. Crystofer light ij*d*. To the rode light, to the plugh light, to the yomans light, to the maydens light, to the Holy Gost light, to our Lady of grace light, to ich of them ij*d*. To the reparacions of the churche of our Lady in Sutton xij*d*.

Thys is the last will of me Laurence Sowter. To Alice my wyff ij acres lying in Kyngram of mr. Cranwell holde the terme of her lyff; and, aftyr her decease, I will they remayn to John my sonne. I will that the sayd Alice have the cotage with x acres lying in Crosse gate the terme of her lyff; alway provydyd that she have her inhabitaunce and dwellyng in this my house with the sayd John as long as they ij shall agre. The resydew of my lande I will remayn to John my sonne and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to Margaret, Agnes and Alice my doughters equally to be devydyd emong them thre, and iche of them to be others heyres. [*folio* 338*d*.] I will that John my sone do exhibite and fynde on honest preste,

within thre yeres aftyr I departe, to syng for me, my benefactors and good frendys the space of halff a yere within the churche of our Lady of Sutton. I wyll that my houshold stuff be devyded equally betwyxte my wyff and all my chylder, so that John my sonne have the worst parte, and my wyff have the fether bed that we ij do ly in. The resydue to John my sonne, whome I orden my executor to accomplysh my will at the oversyght of John my brother, whome I make my supervisor. Thes wytnesses, Henry Ogle, prest; John Marke; William Sowter; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 10 April, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HANDE [OF LOUGHBOROUGH, CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 85.]

20 March, 1528. I Robert Hand of the town of Lowghborow. My [*page* 86] body to be buryed in the churche yarde of sanct Peter and Polle in Lowgborow. I bequieth unto my mortuary my best good, aftur the use and custome and law of holy church. To the mother church of Lyncoln iiij*d.* To the hee alter of Lowgborow for tethys forgotten iiij*d.* To John Hobbard, my sone, dwelling in Qwarm, a whort lede and iij smalle ledys, and a grete harke, and ij smale coffers, and a greate tabull in the hall, and the forme to the sayme tabull, [etc.]. To the childe of John Hobbertes. To Esabell my daghter ij smale coffers. To the chelde of John Ha*n*dwy*n*s. Also the sayd stuffe that I bequieth unto John Hobbard, [*page* 87] my sone, I will that Jone my wife schall haife the keping of them for the terme of hur lyfe. Resydew unto Jone my wyfe, and I mak hur my executor. Wytnes here upon, Jhon Taylor; Richet Mey; and John Androw; with diwers other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS IDON [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 83.]

20 March, 1528. I Nicholes Idon of Spaldyng. I will that Jamys my sone, yff it fortune hym to lyff to the age off xviij yere, then that he have the house that was my fathers, next to the house of John Chaters in Pynchbek by the se syde, to hym and hys heyres off hys body; [remainder] to Julyan my wyff and to her assygnes. To Jamys my sone viij*l.* yff it fortune hym to lyff to the age before namyd; and yff he decease before the sayd age, then I will that the sayd viij*l.* be waryd, bestowyd and therwith be bought iij copys of blew color to remayn in the parysh church of Spaldyng for the honor of the church and the worshyp of God servys ther done. [*folio* 83*d.*] I will that Robert my sone, yff it fortune hym to lyff that he cum to the age of xviij yeres, then that he have my house in Pynchbek standyng in the market sted, to hym and hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to my doughter in lyke maner; and yff all my chyldren decease with owt heyres of ther bodyes, I will that the

house be solde to the best valew and disposyd within the church of Pynchbek, aftyr the discrestion and wysdome of the most honest and discret men of the same towne, for the most [*sic*] of my soule welth and all the soulys above rehersyd, with other of my good frende soulys and all crysten soulys. To Robert my sone at the age of xviij yeres, and Elizabeth my doughter at the age of xvj yeres, viij*l.* each, [etc.]. To Agnes my doughter at xvj yeres viij*l.*; and yff she decease before the sayd age, I will the viij*l.* be disposyd emonges pore people wher most nede shall require. To Maryan and Johan my doughters viij*l.* each yff they lyff to the age of xvj yeres, [etc.]. The rest of my goodes I gyff to Julyan my wyff; also I make her, Jamys Dalltone and Jamys my sone my executors. Also I will John Hyll of Pynchbek be supervisor. Thyes wytnesses, Sir William Scotte; Sir Ric' Lawlay; and Ric' Trowth; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 19 April, 1529. Admin. granted to Julian the relict and James Dalton, reserving power to grant to James the son when he shall come to age.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN DAYLE OF HYNKLAY [CO. LEICESTER].

[LYLE, *p.* 106.]

[*Query* 1528.[1]] I John Dale of Hynkley. My body to be buried in the churchȝard of Hynkley. Also to Lincoln iiij*d.* Also to Hynkley churche v*s.* Also to the gyld of Hynkley xx*d.* To Ric' my sonne the howse that he dwelles yn. To John Dale, my other sonne, the howse wich I dwell yn. To the same John ij howsys in Bondend with all o' ther aportens; also both my shoppys with all such stofe thatt longith to them. To Eleseb' [*page* 107] my doghter to hur marige v mark withe hur repariell. The rysidew I gif to Ellsabeth my wyfe and to John Dale, my sonne, the wich I mak myn executors. Theis witnes, Sir James Portar, wicar of Hynkley; and Thomas Trewluffe; with other moo.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR WILLIAM DERHAM [PERPETUAL VICAR OF OSBOURNBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 257. *Translated from the Latin.*]

20 March, 1528. I William Derham, perpetual vicar of Osburnby. My body to be buried in the church of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul of Osburnby. My mortuary as the law is. To the church of Osburnby vj*s.* viij*d.* To the fabric of the church of Lincoln xx*d.* To the orphans of St. Catherine there iiij*d.* To a priest for one year to celebrate for my soul and the souls of my parents c*s.* To the churches of Scredyngton, Spanby, Stowe, Walcot, Newton, Threkyngham, Waterwilloghby, Ounsby and Aswardby. To the church of Gunwarby j 'flawnder chyst.' To George Derham, my brother, one robe (*togam*), and to Alice his wife

[1] This will is registered with the wills of 1528.

one feather bed (*plumale*). To Henry, Isabel, Margaret and Mary Derham. To John Jackson junior and William his brother. To the four orders of friars of the town of Boston, to each house xij*d.* To every one of the children whom I have raised from the holy font. To Christopher Sawdry of Aswardby. To the iij gilds of Osburnby within the church there xij*d.* each. To the bells there xij*d.* To the light of All Saints there iiij*d.* To the prior and convent of Nocton Parke v*s.* The residue of my goods to Humphrey Walcot, esquire, whom I make my executor. Witnesses, Robert Warde; Richard Pew; and others.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 27 September, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF EDWARD HAGGAS OF WESTERKELE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 260*d.*]

21 March, 1528. I Edward Haggas of Westerkele. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of st. Helene in Westerkele; for my mortuary as the law wyll. To our Lady of Lincoln warke xij*d.* To the high alter of Westerkele for tithes forgotten vj*d.* To every alter in the sayd churche iiij*d.* To every gylde in the churche vj*d.* To Johanne my wyff. To my mother a house the terme of her lyff, and after her decease to remayn to John my sonne and to the heyres of hys body. I will that yff she be disposyd to go from my wyff to have her awne housholde stuff [*sic*]. To Elizabeth Haggas. To Margaret Haggas. To Jane Haggas. To my moder iij*s.* iiij*d.* in money. To William Whyttyll. To John Haggas. To Agnes Symson. To Robert my sone a gret rygge at Burtofte. To Gylbert a rygge lying in Tofte Felde. To William my sone a rygge lying in Tofte Felde. I will that the lande lying on Dyke Wang, butt' on Welles of the west, and on my owne on the este, go to the kepyng of a obbet for me and all my frendes. To Alice my doughter iij landes to her mariage, on lying on Dyke Wang, buttyng on John Obynson of the este, and another lande lying on Erles Wang, by the londe of Cotes of the south, and another lande lying on the Syke by the lande of the prior of Feryby of the este. And yff she cannot have them in qwyet, then to have the garthe at Cotes. And yff the sayd Alice departe withowt heyres of her body, then the sayd landes and garth to remayn emong my chyldren. To Jane my wyff ij gresse rigges duryng her lyff, [remainder] to my chyldren. The resydewe of my goodes I will that Xp'ofor Haggas and John a Kyrk dispose it emong my chyldren, whome I make executors, and they to have for ther labors iij*s.* iiij*d.* Thes wytnes, John Boston; Robert Walche; William Symson; William Whyttyll; Robert Saxton; and William Haggas.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 January, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PUTTERYLL [OF THEDDLETHORPE ST. HELEN'S].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 214*d.*]

26 March, 1529. I William Puttryll of Thedylthorp of the

parysh of st. Helene. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of st. Helene, and in the name of my mortuary the thyng wich the lawe requiryth to have. To the high alter in my parysh churche xij*d*. To the buyldyng of the stepill xij*d*. To our mother chyrch of Lincoln iiij*d*. To Thomas my sone a wane, [etc.], and the legacy shall remane in the hande of Thomas Puttryll, my brother, unto such tyme as the chylde cum to discrestion or age. I will that a prest be hyryd to say a trentall of messys for my soule and all crysten soulys. Resydue to Isabell my wyff and to Thomas my sonne to be devydyd and done at the sight of Isabell my wyff and Thomas Putryll, my brother, whome I orden my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Gylbe, parysh prest ; Xp'ofer White ; William Whyte ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF T. BRONDE [OF FRAMPTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 80.]

28 March, 1529. I Thomas Bronde of Frampton. To Xp'ofer and Anthony my sonnys xx*l*. betwyx them when they shall be at the age off xxty yeres ; and yff on of them decease before the age of xxty yeres, the other shall have the hole xx*l*. ; and yff both decease before the age off xx yeres, then I will that it shalbe disposyd in the church of Frampton by the advice of sir Xp'ofer Smyrke, vicar of the church of Frampton, William Erle, Thomas Wormesley, William Ernolde, Thomas Foule and Thomas Bronde, that is to say, on the church warkes and one hable prest to syng in the church of Frampton for my soule, my wyffes soulys and all my good frende soulys. To Xp'ofer my sone my best maser callyd the standing maser, [etc.] To Anthony my sone sex sylver sponys, [etc.] To Xp'ofer and Anthony my sonnys ij harnysyd gyrdyls. To sir Xp'ofer Smyrke, vicar, and to sir Alen Askew, prest. I will that on honest and discrete prest shall syng in Frampton church on quarter of a yere for my soule and all cristen soulys and he to have for hys wages xxvj*s*. viij*d*. [To Isabel my wife, (i) for life, my mansion, [*folio* 80*d*.] where I do dwell, with remainder in succession to Xp'ofer and Anthony my sons in tail ; (ii) for life, one acre of arable land lying in a field called Longlandes, with remainder in succession to Xp'ofer and Anthony my sons and Thomas Foule of Kyrton, my godsun, in tail ; (iii) for 20 years, 1½ acres of arable land, lying in Corten Felde, with remainder in succession to Xp'ofer and Anthony my sons and [*folio* 81] Thomas Bronde, my brother's son, in tail ; (iv) for 20 years, 1½ acres of land in Long Lyttell Fenne, with remainder in succession to Xp'ofer my son in fee at 20 years of age, and Anthony my son in tail ; (v) for 20 years, a pasture off 5 acres, somtime John Donyngton's, lying by Langrake land, and half an acre of land in Tanworthe Felde, with remainder in succession to Anthony and Xp'ofer my sons in tail, and my wyff for life ; (vi) for life, 3 acres of copyholde land,

whereof 2 acres and a rood lie in Long Landes, and 3 roods in Corten Felde, with remainder in succession to my said sons in tail, and [*folio* 81*d.*] Thomas Bronde, my brother, in fee; (vii) for 20 years, 2 acres of pasture, whereof 5 roods lie in Gye Gores, and 3 roods in Sandholm by the lands of Thomas Stalworth in 2 pieces, and she to dispose every yere during the said term 4*s.* in Frampton church for the health of my soul, with remainder in succession to Anthony my son in tail, and Xp'ofer my son in fee; remainder, as to parcels i-v, to] be solde bi the xij feoff*z* of our lady gylde in Frampton and by the most honest men of the same towne, and the money theroff cumyng to be disposyd in church warkes in Frampton, and a prest to syng ther for my soule and my wyffes soulys. I will that my horse mylne remayn uppon the grounde to the use of my heyres, and the tymber in lyke maner withowt any waste, excepte for reparacions upon the same grounde to be made. I will that vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* shalbe disposyd for my soule at my buryall day, my vijth day and yere day. I will my ij sonnys have ther fyndyng of my goodes and landes unto they shalbe at the age of xxty yeres; and who so ever shall fortune to mary my wyff will not kepe my sonnys honestly, then I will that William Erle shall have the kepyng of them at the oversyght of sir Xp'ofer Smyrke, vicar of Frampton, Thomas Wormesley, William Ernolde, Thomas Bronde and Thomas Foule, with all my landes excepte my wyffes jointry, [etc.] Resydue to Isabell my wyff, who I do make my executrix. [*folio* 82] I will that master Anthony Erby shall be supervisor. I will that William Ernolde and Thomas Bronde, my brother sone, shall helpe my wyff. Thyes beyng wytnesses, sir Xp'ofer Smyrke, vicar; sir Alen Askew, prest; John Cony; Thomas Wormesley; Thomas Carleton; and William Frere; with many other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN TUPPLYN OF NORTHESOMERCOTES.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 94.]

29 March, 1529. I John Tupplyn of Northsomercotes. To our Lady gylde of Northsomercotes iiij sylver sponys; also to the kyrke warke of Sowthsomercotes iij*s.* iiij*d.* Also I will that every god barne of myne beyng a lyff at thys day have iiij*d.* To Ric' Tupplyn on qwye of ij yeres olde, a jak, a pare of splentes, and a poule axe. To Edward Tupplyn of Southsomercotes a sallyt. To John Goderyk. I will that Thomas Harde that is with me receyve of John Wyhclyff of Northsomercotes xxx*s.* for a certen grounde, that he hays bought of me, lying in Northsomercotes. I will that Alice my wyff have my house that I wonnyd in at thys day, beyng in Northsomercotes, as long as she kepys hyr unmaryed, [etc.]; also a yerly annuyte of iij*s.* iiij*d.*, it to be payd of all my landes in Northsomercotes ons by yere. And aftyr her decease I will the sayd annuite retorne to my executors and feoffers, they to kepe a

yerly obbyt in the parysh kyrke [*folio* 94*d.*] of our lady of Northsomercotes as it apperyth her aftyr by hys [*sic*] will. The resydue of my goodes not wytt I bequeth to John Mylnys of Southsomercotes, to John Gooderyk the yonger of Northsomercotes and to Robert Garnam of Garnthorpe, whome I make my executors, by the counsyll of Mr Thomas Skypwyth off Utterby, esquier, whome I make supervysor. Thes wyttnesses, sir William Aylby, vicar; Jamys Rannald; John Jullynd the yonger; with other moy.

Thys is the last will of me, John Tupplyn, of Northsomercotes, mayd the day and yere above wryttyn. I will that my executors togeder with my feoffys have in ther proper use fyve acres of lande pastur lying at the Lee Meale House in the parysh of Southsomercotes, and on acre of land arabyll in the northfelde of the same and di' on acre of medowe in the medowe of the same parysh; and with the valew of the sayd lande I will they fynde on obbyt yerly to be done in the church of Southsomercotes for the soulys of William Tupplyn and Elysabeth, for the soulys of John Tupplyn and Isabelle and all ther good frendes with all crysten soulys, that is to wyt: to the parson ther or to hym beryng cure in hys stede iiij*d.*; to the chauntry priest ij*d.*; to men and chyldren moste usuall in the quere upon halydays for syngyng a solempne dirige x*d.*; in offeryng at hyghe messe iiij*d.*; for wax candyll ij*d.*; the resydue of the [premises], all chargys done, to be expendyt in bred and ale on the Munday next aftyr myd lentyn Sonday or anny other day in that weke when it shall be thought most expedyent. [*folio* 95] I will that my executors togeder with my feoffers haffe in ther propre use, aftyr the forme aforesayd, all the landes wich I have in the parysh of Northsomercotes, and they wyth the valew of them to fynde on obbyt yerly, in the church of our Lady of Northsomercotes, for my soule and my wyffes and all crysten soulys in the weke aforenamyd, that is to wyt, to the vicar ther, or to hym bearyng cure in hys stede, for syngyng a solempne dirige iiij*d.*; to the gylde prestes ij*d.*; to men and chyldren most usyng the qwere apon hally days x*d.*; in offeryng at the messe iiij*d.*; in wax candyll ij*d.*; to the vicar or to hym bearyng cure in hys sted for remembryng of my soule and my wyffes in hys beaderoule iiij*d.*; to be expendyd in brede and ale v*s.* iiij*d.*—sum vij*s.* vj*d.* The resydue of all the sayd landes to be expendyd in messys syngyng and in other charitable warkes, as they thynke best in tyme to cum, for the well of my soule. It is my will that yff any of John Goderyk chyldren will dwell apon the sayd grounde, thay or any of them to have the sayd landes all togeder under the valew that a nother man will gyff by xx*d.* by yere. And to thys present will and testament I, John Tupplyn, hase sett to my seale.

Proved before P., at Garnthorpe, 10 June, 1529. Admin. granted to John Milnes and John Goodrick the executors, Robert Garnam at the same time refusing.

THE TESTAMENT OF AGNES CLERKE [? ALIAS ISAAK OF TYDD ST. MARY, WIDOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 101*d.*]

1 April, 1529. I Agnes Clerke otherwyse Isaak, wydowe, of Tyd Sancte Marie. [*folio* 102] To Henry my sone, hys heyres and assignes, my house with ij acres of lande lying in the crofte, and fyve acres lying in the same felde, and on acre of lande lying by Shawes and on acre lande callyd Cheker acre, and he to enter when he commeth to the age of xv yeres. To Clement my sonne, hys heyres and assygnes, fyve acres and di' of land lying in Brygfelde, and a xj acres of land lying in Newfelde, and he to entre when he cumyth to the age of xv yeres. And yff ether of them fortune to dy within the sayd age, then I will that he that overlyvyth shall have the landes to hym, hys heyres and assygnes. To Isabell my doughter, her heyres and assygnes, xiiij acres of lande lying in Newfelde, and she to enter when she cumyth to the age of xv yeres; [remainder] to the sayd Henry and Clement, to ther heyres and assygnes. And yff it fortune all my chyldren to dye before the sayd age, then I will the house with the sayd landes be solde, and the money theroff cumyng to be disposyd in messes syngyng and other good almys dedes doyng wythin the towne off Wysbyche. The resydue of my goodes I put to the disposicion of my executor, whome I make John Regby, my brother, for to dispose for the helth of my soule and all my good frend soulys. Thes wytnes, sir William Bakhouse; Robert Tofte; Gylberd Jouden; with other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 26 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RYC' PATRIKE [OF KIRMOND LE MIRE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 77.]

2 April, 1529. I Richard Patrik of Kyrmond. My body to be buryd in the churcheyerd of saynt Martyn of Kyrmond. I gif and wyt to Jenet my wif one howse and ij acres of land in Ludforth for her lif, and hit to remayne to John Patryk, my son. I will that John Pierson and Christopher Barker, my brethern, helpe my wif and gif her good counseile. Residue to Jenet my wif whome I make my executor. Thies witnes, Sir Robert Gaynesburgh, vicar; John Pierson; and Xp'ofer Barker.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 8 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

[THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DAIE OF GRETFORD].

[L.C.C., 1545-6, ii, *f.* 126*d.*]

3 April, 1529. I Robert Daie of Gretforth. My body to be buried in the church porch of Gretforthe, and my best best to be my mortuarie. To the highe altare of Gretforthe viij*d.* To the sepulchre lyght a seame barlie. To our Lady church of Lincoln viij*d.* To the mendinge of the highe wayes and brigges about Gretforth a

seame barly. To the bells di' seame barlie. To every order of freers in Stamforde halfe a seame barlie. To every one of my godchildren. I will that Isabell my daughter have suche goodes and cattalles as my wyf will sett her forthe to her mariage. To my daughter Heline v markes in monnye with her mother rewarde. To Alic' and Joane my daughters. To my daughter, Isabell Martin. To Alice Cordale. To every one of my servauntes. To Adam Tomlingson. To Thomas Laxon. To Thomas Day. To Doroty Martin. Also Thomas Day shall have a chamblet dublet and a violet cote; Robert Day shall have a blue cote and a worsted dublet; and John Martin a russet gowne and a buckskin dublet and my best bonnet. To Katherin Cordall. To Thomas Yoman, when he is preist, iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the church of Barholme. To st. Margaretes gilde of Brayssingborow. To the church of Stowe. To Wilstrop church. I will that I have a prest sing for me halfe a yeare. My goods not bequeathed I give to Alice my wyfe and Robert Daie, my sonn; them I make my execuutors to dispose the residew for the helth of my soule. I will that Thomas Daie, my sonn, be my supervisor, and he to have for his labor a noble and a silver spone with his mother rewarde. Theise being witnes, Roger Bainthorp, parson; John Haddon; Thomas Yeoman; with other.

Proved before R., at Staunford, 26 April, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER YONGE [OF BRANTBROUGHTON, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 103.]

3 April, 1529. I Xp'ofer Yong off Brantbroughton, husbandman. My body to be buryed with in the church or chyrchyerde of saynt Hellyn of Brantbroughtton. Also my best best to be my mortuary, as use and custom is. To the hygh alter for forgottyn tithys iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln to every house a vpe of whett of that that is growyng of the erthe. The resydue of my other goodes I will that they be devydyd in thre partes; on parte to my wyff, the seconde parte to be disposyd for my soule, the thyrd parte to the chylde that I shall have by my wyff. I will that my wyff be my executrix. Yff the chylde do not continew, I will that halff off the goodes of the thyrd parte be disposyd for the helth of my soule and for the soull helth of thos that it come by, and the other my wyff to have, by the permision of Sir John Yong, parson, John Kelom and William Yong, whome I make the supervisors. Wytnes heroff, Sir Robert Scorby; Robert Beite; Robert Gylmyng; and John Crull.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 28 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT PACYE [OF BARKSTON-LE-WILLOWS, YEOMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 130*d*.]

6 April, 1529. I Robert Pacye of Barston, yoman, makes my

testament and last will. I bequeth xiij yow shepe of iij shere to fynde xiij sergeys lyght before the sacrament in messe tyme unto the *Agnus* in Barston church for evermore to endure. I bequeth x yow schepe to the fyndyng of v sergeys, iiij in the lyttyll Rode lofte, and on serge in the hygh Rode lofte, to burne at all tymes as other serges ther doy in Godes service tyme. I bequeth on cow to the fyndyng of on serge before our Lady in the southe yle of the sayd churche. I bequeth unto the Trinitie gylde a cow. To Ric' Forthe my gowne furryd with whyte lamme. To Robert Barynesby my tawny gowne. To the wyff of Robert Braunesby and to hys chylder. To William Thomson and to hys wyff and to hys chylder. To a preste to syng in Barston church iij yeres for the saule of me, my father and mother and my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys, and to helpe to Godes servys, every yere v*l.* I will that my heyres, executors and feoffers, accordyng to my fathers will, kepe of my landes on yerly obbyt uppon Corpus Xp'i day, dirige over nyght and messe in the mornyng, expendyng at it yerly vj*s.* viij*d.* To Masterys Bussy of Scyston. To my lady Armestrong a pare of beades of gett, gawdyd with sylver. To Margaryt Wigllysforth. To Elizabeth Forde. To Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary and [*folio* 131] Anne my doughters xx*l.* [apiece] to be delyveryd when they cum to the age of mariage, [etc.]. I will that my mesuages, toftes, landes, leys, medows and pastors to be delyvered to my sayd chylder by the handes of my executores and feoffe$_3$ at the day of ther mariage. And I wyll that after the decease of Alice my wyff that all the landes that she hath in feoffment be delyveryd to my sayd chylder, to have and to holde to them and to ther heres of ther bodyes, [etc.]. Resydue to Alice my wyff, the wich Alice and Sir William Sele, [*folio* 131*d.*] prest, and Richerd Forth I orden my executors. I orden Mr Edward Bussy, esquyer, supervisor. Wyttenesse herof, Hugh Massyngberde; Thomas Pell; Robert Branesby; Richerd Slyved; Richerd Talbon; William Thomson; and many other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 April, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. BURTON [OF WEST TORRINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 329*d.*]

11 April, 1529. I John Burton of Westeryngton, seke in body. My body to be buryd in the churche of Westeryngton. To the vicar of the churche for my begotten tithys xij*d.* To the same churche warke iij*s.* iiij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d.* To the high alter of the same vj*d.* To st. Hugh hed vj*d.* To the churche warkes of Esteryngton, Estbarkworth, Westbarkworthe, Wragby and Holton. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln xvj*d.* To Bollyngton abbey at the mynde of my executors, as they be in nomber. To Mabylthorpe curet xij*d.*, and he to say iij messys with placebo and dirige for thes soulys, John Stutte and Robert Gylby of the same towne, and John Burton of Westeryngton. To the churche warke

of the same towne. To the abbey of Louthparke vj*d*. The resydue to my sone Sir John and my sone Richerde, whome I make my executors for to dispose for my soule, [etc.]. Thes wytnes, Sir John Pope, vicar of the same towne; and Robert Leysyng; Roger Burton of the same; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 18 March, 1530, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BOTHE [OF DOWSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 87.]

18 April, 1529. I Thomas Bothe of Douesby. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of saynt Androw the apostell. To the high [*sic*] of Douesby xij*d*., and to our Ladyes light ther xij*d*. To our Ladyes warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the belles of Douesby xij*d*. To Catherine, Margret, Margery, Alice, Elizabeth and Agnes my doughters. I will that Robert my sone have the governaunce of my children unto the tyme that they be able to be maried. I will that ther be ij trentalles done, one for me and another for my wif. I will ther be a yerly obite done for me and my wif and for all my elders and all cristen soules, at the parishe churche, of vj*s*. viij*d*. Residue to Robert my sone, whome I make my executour to dispose for the helthe of my soule and my wiffes. Thies men bearyng witnes therof, Syr Peter Modie; Jenkyn Adayle; Rauf Sloury; Richard Carter; with other more.

Proved before P., at Swaton, 1 June, 1529. Admin. granted, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF T. WYTT [OF SUTTON IN THE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 131*d*.]

20 April, 1529. I Thomas Wytt of Sutton. I wytt my soule, [etc.]. I wytt to Elizabeth my wyff viij kye, [etc.]; also all my houshold stuffe wythin my dorys. To the church of Sutton iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. To the church of Hotofte. To the stepil of Alforde vj*s*. viij*d*. To the abbot of Hagneby iij quarters whette, [etc.], and to the convent x*s*., to say a trentall for my soule. To the prior off Markeby x*s*., and to hys breder x*s*., to say a trentall for my soule. To the priorysse off Grenefelde xx*s*., and to hyr systers iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Sir Jackeson ij yeres servys and to have for it x*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. To Xp'ofer Wytt, my broder; [*folio* 132] John Gotte; Ric' Hattkyn schylder; every god chylde that I have; the vicar off Sutton. To the sepulcar of Suttun iij*s*. iiij*d*. To John Wytt, my brother; John Wytt yonger; Agnes Wytt; John Schortryt; Agnes Prystwyk; Robert Harnas chylder. I will have for evermore on obbyt in the parysh church of Stykforth to the valure of viij*s*. by yere to be receyvyd of iij acre pasture in Sutton, and it may so be lattyn. To the church of Sutton on acre pasture wyth in the same parysh to fynde a serge afore the sacrament, and the reste to go to the welle of the sayd churche. The reste off my goodes I putt theym to the discrescion off John Hattkyn and John Hundylby, whome I make my executors that

they may dispose it for the helthe of my soule, [etc.]. I make Sir John Frysmere, vicar of Hotofte, supervysor. Thies beyng wyttnesses, Sir Ric' Jacson, prest; Thomas Wrytt; Thomas Toler; Hugh Lownde; wyth other moy.

Proved at Lincoln, 7 May, 1529. Admin. granted to John Hattkyn, the executor, reserving power to grant to John Hundylby.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CATER [OF BARTON ON HUMBER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 95*d.*]

1 May, 1529. I John Cater of Berton upon Humbre. To John Cater, my sone, a house of copy holde buyldyd in Market Rasyn, and I will that that house be putt or lattyn at the discrestion of Richerd Cater, my brother, to the behoyff and bryngyng up of the sayd John; and aftyr the dethe of John, I will that the house shall go for my yeres to the church of saynt Thomas in Markyt Rasen for to have on obbyt done yerly for me and my good frendes, the valor of iij*s.* iiij*d.*; that is to say, to every preste within the towne iiij*d.*, and to the parysh clerke ij*d.*, to every rynger of the bellys j*d.*, and to xiij pore folkes xiij*d.*, and the resydue, yff that any money remayn, to be delte to pore folkes at the dyscrestion of the church wardens. Yff my obbyt be not kepyd every yere ons, that is to say, on the Munday next aftyr Trinitie Sunday, then it shall be lefull to the sayd Richerd Cater, hys heyres or assignes to enter to the same house. I will that my brother Ric' shall dispose and gyff att hys discrestion to the pore people of Estrasen x*s.* to pray for my soule, and to the pore people of Mydle Rasen iij*s.* iiij*d.*, to be gyffyn at the discrestion of the curat wher moste neyd is. To the pore folkes of Telby iij*s.* iiij*d.*, and to the pore people of Owresby iij*s.* iiij*d.* I will iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* be disposyd for my soule at my buriall at the advyse of my brother Richerd. To my brother Ric' all my weddyng raymont. To Robert Broxholme my blak furryd gowne. To Thomas Bery a chamlet dooblyt and my russyt gawberdyne. To John Haynton a kendall cote, and to John Cowper, my kynsman, my tawny cote. To Robert Osney, my kynsman, a lether dooblyt. To Thomas Wryght, my kynsman, a russyt cote. I will that my brother Richerd shall dispose such houshold stuff as I have at Rasyn to my syster doughters. The resydue to my brother Ric' Cater, whome I orden executor. Thyes beyng wytnes, Sir Ric' Watson, Sir Xp'ofer Brumby, prestes.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 15 July, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHER BASSE [OF SOUTH WITHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 254*d.*]

6 May, 1529. I Cristofer Basse of Southwytham. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of St. John in Southwytham afore the crosse. For my mortuary as the custom is [*folio* 255] iff it be lefull to be gyffyn; yff not, I gyff to the parson of the church for the

same vj*s*. viij*d*. To the high alter for tithys forgottyn xl*d*. To the makyng of the stepill of the same churche xiij*s*. iiij*d*. To the sepulcer light on ewe schepe to be delyveryd at martynmas. To our Lady of Lincoln xvj*d*. To Northwytham, Gunby and Thystelton churches. To Margaret Hadcoke and Johan Sawnson, my god doughters. To the v chylder of my brother, John Basse, v score ewe hogges that I bought of Platys yff they lyff to Martynmes, elles not. To Agnes Basse. To John Caudle di' a seme barly to be drest as clene as I had of hym. I make my executors—Robert Topper of South Wytham and William Chapman of Tygh. To every on of my chylder xl*s*., and yff it happen any of them departe afore other or they cum to laufull age that ther parte be partyd among the other chylder. Resydewe to Emot my wyff to dispose for my soule. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Wynter, parson of the same; Robert Topper; William Chapman; John Wryght; Robert Basse; with many moy.

Proved before P., at Creton, 23 September, 1530. Admin. granted to Robert Topper, William Chapman renouncing.

The testament of Robert Halgarth of Horncastle, [tanner].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 172*d*.]

14 May, 1529, 22[1] Henry viii. I Robert Halgarth off the parysh of Horncastill, tanner. My body to be buryed in the newe quere of the Sowthe syde before the wyndoy that I caused to be mayd in the church of Horncastill. To the hygh alter in the name of my mortuary and for forgotten tythys xx*s*. To our lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln xx*d*. a pece. To saynt Catheryne gylde in Hornecastyll x*s*. To Sir Rawff Hutton, my curate, xx*d*. To Sir Symon Wyndall on yere wage to syng for me, my wyff, father and mother John and Jennet, yff he tarry with in the towne of Hornecastill; and yff he do not tarry, I gyff it to Sir Rawff Hutton, my curate, to syng and do as afore is expressyd. To Richerd Kyrke vj*s*. viij*d*. To [the churches of] Bamburgh, Thymolby, Langton, Thorneton, Dalderby, Screleby, Maryng, Uppertoynton, Ashby, Scrafelde, Wynceby, Spillesby and Nether Toynton. To every church buttyng by the high way as I do ryde to Spyllesby iiij*d*. a pece. To my lorde of Kyrksted iij*s*. iiij*d*. To every brother wythin the place vj*d*. To Jenet my wyff my convent seale belongyng to my lorde of Carlyll. I will that the land arrable and gresse that lyeth of the weste syde of Bayne, the wich I have of the lese of Kyrksted remane to Richerd Kyrke, payng the rente to the same house. I will that the house that William Gray dothe dwell in shall fynde on obbyt for me and my wyff, yff so be the lawe will suffer it, or ellys the house to be solde at the syght of my supervisor, Mr John Lyttylbery, and of my executors, Robert Palfreyman and William Parslay, and the money to go to saynt Catheryne gylde off Horncastill for ever, thay doyng

[1] 14 May, 1529, fell in 21 Henry viii.

for ever a obbyt. To Agnes Falced, my nevay [*sic*], iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*., and the [money] to be delyveryd to the aldermen and chamberlayns of saynt Catheryne gylde to she be of the age of xviij yeres ; [remainder] to her bretherne Thomas and Xp'ofer [and the survivor of them]. [*folio* 173] To Jenet my wyff and to her executors and assygnes the house that I do dwell in, for the terme off my yeres. To Xp'ofer Falceth halfe a daker off lether. To Xp'ofer Owylwathe. To Mr Sodaby. To Nicholes my boy a hyde. To my servant, Elizabeth Orwell. To Elizabeth Chapman. To Elizabeth Purryll. To Jenet Halgarth, doughtter of John Halgarth. To the church of Bennyngworthe on seme of malte. To every on of my godchylder wythin the towne of Horncastyll. To John Halgarth. To Elizabeth my syster. To Jenet Nelle. All siche strenkyth as the sayd Robert Halgarthe hath by Richerd Clerke and the kynges graunt shall remane to Jennet my wyff and to William Parslay to my heyr cum to lawfull age. To Robert Foster on hyde. To the torche lyght att Hornecastill iij*s*. iiij*d*. To every other lyght wythin the same church iiij*d*. To the church warke off Horncastyll x*s*. To John Halgarthe the house that he dwelte in rente fre, kepyng it in reparacions ; and yff ought cum to John Halgarth, I will it cum to William hys sun and my godsun and to hys heyres ; and for defaute of [such] heyres, to go to the right heyres of me, as it is before[1] expressyd of my lande in Benyngworth. I will that my executors shall pay the resydewe off all sitche goodes as I was and is chargyd with for the performance of Richerd Clerke will. I Robert Halgarthe and Jamys Burton is agreyd that the rente of the house that Alexander Boos dwellyth in shall go to the makyng of a crosse that we be chargyd with to gyve for Richerd Clerke ; and the sayd crosse mayd, I Robert Halgarth and the sayd Jamys Burton is agreyd ther shall be a obbyt of vj*s*. viij*d*. done for the sayd Richerd for ever in Hornecastyll churche of the sayd house, and better yf it will extende. To Jennyt my wyff all my lande in Bennyngworth for her lyff, [remainder in succession] to Robert sonne of the said Thomas Halgarthe, [*folio* 173*d*.] my brother John Halgarthe and Elizabeth Halgarthe in tail, and the right heirs in fee]. To Jennet Melton xx*d*. Resydewe of goodes to Jennyt my wyff, wich Jenet, Robert Palfreyman and William Parselay I make my executors ; and Mr John Lyttylbery to be the supervisor. Thes wytnes, Sir Rawffe Hutton, my curat ; Thomas Robertson ; William Brewer ; Nicholes Sutton ; and Gilbert Wyberde ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 6 July, 1530. Admin. granted to Robert Palfreyman and William Parslay, the said Joan Halgarthe then being dead.

THE TESTAMENT OF JAMES MYSSENDEN OF LYMBERGH [MAGNA, GENTLEMAN].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, *f*. 167*d*.]

21 May, 1529. I Jamys Myssendyne of Limburgh Magna,

[1] *Rectius* 'hereinafter'.

gentylman, makyth my testament and last will, etc. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Peter of Gret Lymber. To the cathedrall church warke of Lincoln xx*s*. To the church warkes of Gret Lymber, Keleby, Ryby, Claxby, Barnaby and Helyng. To the abbot of Thornton for tyme beyng xl*s*. To the prior vj*s*. viij*d*. To every other of the convente xij*d*. To Dame Mawde Tyrwytt iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. [*folio* 168] To Dame Elizabeth Beesby iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. To the mon' of Cotton iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. To Dame Johan Thomson, priorys of the same, xl*s*. To Dame Margaret Johnson vj*s*. viij*d*. To Dame Elynor Hylyarde vj*s*. viij*d*. To every other of the convente xij*d*. To Sythe Castylforthe xx*l*. To Elizabeth Hopkynson a hundreth marke to her mariage. To George Dalyson and Isabell hys wyff xl*l*., and all the goodes, [etc.], the which I shall have at Imyngham the day of my dethe. To Elizabeth Dalton xx*l*. to her mariage. To Edmund Myssynden xx*l*. To Barnarde Myssynden, otherways callyd Barnard Spenser, and to hys heyres of hys body, all my messuages, landes and tenementes, [etc.], in Gret Lymber, Keleby and Kyllyngholm; also xl*l*.; also too hundreth schepe; and all my harnys and myn apparell belongyng to my body. To the sayd Barnard all the yeres that I have in the churche and parsonage of Gret Lymber of the prior and the convent of the Charterhouse besyde Couentry from the feste of saynt Marke next aftyr my dethe, uppon thys condicion, that the sayd Barnard nor hys chylde nor chylder schall not alene, sell nor gyff the sayd yeres nor no parte of them to any person or persons other then hys or ther chylder, excepte it be to George Dalyson; [otherwise] the sayd George shall have the [premises] to the ende of the yeres. And for the assurance heroff I will that the abbot of Thornton for the tyme beyng shall have the custody of the indentur and leyse mayd by the prior and convente of the charterhouse besyde Coventry to the perferrmance of this my wyll. To Margery Hanssarde xx*s*. To sir William Myssynden, my sone, xx*s*. [*folio* 168*d*.] To Sithe Castylforthe, Elizabeth Hopkynson and Isabell Daylyson all my housholde stuff and hustylment of houshold. To Richerd Myssynden xx*s*. To Dame Elyn Myssyndyn x*s*. yerly duryng xxty yeres. To Dame Mawde Myssyndyn, Dame Mary Myssyndyne, Dame Jane Myssyndyne and William Myssyndyne xl*s*. [each]. To Sir Dowke Myssyndyne, sir Thomas Smyth, vicar of Ryby, sir Robert Johnson, vicar of Lymber and sir Bryan Mansfelde xx*s*. [each]. To Margaret Dalton iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. To William Torner, Robert Torner and John Benton xiij*s*. iiij*d*. each. To Robert Chambres xxvj*s*. viij*d*. the wich he owyth me. To Thomas Myssyndyne the yonger, Chrysten Thorpe, and Elizabeth Pawtynor to her mariage, xl*s*. [each]. To Vumfray Myssyndyne and Thomas Plukwell xx*s*. [each]. To Isabell Dalyson and to hyr heyres all my messys, landes and tenementes, medoys, pasturys, fedyngs, rentes and services in Haburgh. To Elizabeth Hopkynson and to her heyres all my messys, landes, [etc.], in Kyrnyngton. To sir Robert Tyrwyt iiij*l*. To Master Robert Tyrwytt, Master William Tyrwytt, Elizabeth

Richerdson to her mariage, and Elizabeth Allot to her mariage, iij*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* [each]. To Richerd Allot, Anthony Myssyndyne, Robert Boston, Richard Rukysby, Xp'ofer Sargeand, William Stevenson, Jane Gelderys, Alice Dowsse, Mr John Hopkynson, my brother Blessby, my syster [*folio* 169] Bleseby hys wyff, sir Robert Benton, sir Henry Bowker, Arthur Bocher, Helene Thomson, Isabell Grene and Margaret Kelke. The resydewe of my goodes unto Barnard my sone, Sythe Castylforth my doughter, Elizabeth Hopkynson and Isabell Dalyson, to be equally devydyd among them by my nevy, Thomas Myssynden of Helyng and by William Dalyson of Netylton, whome I make my executors. To John Moneson, my godson. To every other of my godchylder. To Catheryne Myssendyne, my god chylde, to her mariage, xl*s.* To Masterys Margaret Myssyndyne, my neys, of Helyng. To our lady alter for to by a whyte cope xl*s.* To William Pyssall. To the churche warke of Castor x*s.* Thyes wytnes, Edward Madyson ; by me Robert Johnson, vicar ; be me George Dalyson ; by me sir Robert Benton, capellanus ; John Benton, the yonger ; William Holbecke ; Richerd Allot ; and Thomas Pluckwell. To John Wentforthe x*s.* To George Skoyphome x*s.*

Be me James Myssynden.

Proved before P., in the parish church of South Feryby, 22 June, 1530. Admin. granted to Thomas Myssenden of Helyng, nephew of the deceased, and William Dalyson of Netylton, the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALICE ARNOLD OF SPYLLESBY, [WIDOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 89*d.*]

23 May, 1529. I Alice Arnold of Spillesby, widow, maketh my testament and last will. My body to buryd within the churchyerd of saynt James of Spillesby with that thyng that be in the name of my mortuary as the law requireth. To our Ladies werke of Lincoln. To the faderles children of saint Catheryn. Toward the buylding of the steple in the churche of Spillesby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the west wyndow in the said churche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To every order of the freres in Boston xx*d.* To Saint Catheryn gild in Horncastr' xij*d.* To one almesse bed to be had within the paroche of Spillesby a coverlet, a materasse, [etc.] To John Risel wif of Ashby. To Shipley wif. To Jenet Lynley, widow. To our Lady in the churche of Spillesby my best gyrdill. For a trentall to be said in the churche of Spillesby x*s.* To the churche of Parteney. To the college of Spillesby my house in the said towne for an obit to be kepte for me, my husband and all my good frendes as long as the wardel [*sic*] standes, and the maister to have for it yerly viij*d.*, and every broder vj*d.*, and the ryngers iiij*d.* ; and the residue over the said charges to go to the upholding of the said house for ever more. Residue of my goodes to Syr Thomas my sone, whome I make myn executor. Rauf Grene to be supervisor. Thies witnes, Sir Thom' Peper ; Thom' Grayne of Steping ; and Thomas Smyth of Spillesby.

Proved before P., at Fryskeney, 8 June, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' HERBY [OF MININGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 384*d.*]

26 May, 1529. I Richerd Hayrby of Mynyngesby. My body to be buryed in the churcheyerde of St. Andro in Mynyngesby. To our Lady warke in Lincoln ij*s.* To the high altare in Mynyngesby ij*s.* for forgottyn tithys. To the makyng off a stone crosse in the churchyerde of Mynyngesby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the parysch churche of Morby ij*s.* To Claxbye churche ij*s.* I will that xxty besse and horsse be delyveryd to my chylder emong them what tyme they comme to laufull age to gyd it, [etc.]. I will that one honest preste syng one trentall for my soule and all Xp'en soulys. Resydue of goodes to Isabell my wyff and John Hayrby, my sonne [*folio* 385] and John Michell, other wase callyd Gluffer, of Bollyngbroke, whome I orden executors. To every one of my godchylder vj*d.* To Jane Holme. To Hayrby churche xij*d.* To the churche of Mynyngesby x*s.* These being witnesses, Robert Porter; Thomas Thakker; Thomas Bray.

Proved before P., at Partney, 11 March, 1530. Admin. granted to the relict and John Michel, John Hayrby, the son, being prevented by death.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS SALE [OF PINCHBECK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 88*d.*]

28 May, 1529. I Thomas Sale of Pynchebek. My body to be buryd in the churchyard of Pynchebek. My mortuary to be after the costume of the towne. To the high aulter within the churche of Pynchebek viij*d.* To every aulter within the said church ij*d.* To our Ladies warke of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the faderles childern of St. Catherine ij*d.* To the churche warke of Pynchebek iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Thomas my sone my house that I dwell in, with the landes longeng therto, with a rig that I bought, called Pynk Rig, to hym and his heyres of his body at the age of xvj yeres; [remainder in succession] to Robert and Gilberd my sones [in tail]; [remainder] to my iij daughters [in tail]; [remainder] to Margaret my wif the terme of her lif; [remainder] to [*folio* 89] the next of my blod. To Thomas my sone ij amblyng stages. And I will that Robert my sone shall receyve ij kye and xx*s.* at age of xvj yeres. To Alison, Jenet and Beatrix my doughters. To Robert Sale, my godsone. I will that my executors bestowe at my buryng day at messe and dirige to poure folkes xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, at my vij day vj*s.* viij*d.*, at xxx day vj*s.* viij*d.* Residue of goodes I put to the disposicion of Margarite my wif and Robert Sale, my broder, whome I make my executors to pay my dettes and to bryng me furth. Thies beyng witnes, Will'm Bewyk, prest; Gilbert Tilson; Robert Lincoln; Richard North; with other more.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 3 June, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD WHYTTHODE [OF THORNTON BY HORNCASTLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 136.]

3 June, 1529. I Ric' Whytehode of Thornton next Horncastell. To Elizabeth my wyff my wane, [etc.], to that tyme that John Whytehod, my sone, cum to laufull age, that is, to the age of xix yeres, [etc.]. To Jenet Whythode my mother; and I desire her to be good to my wyff and to my chylde, [etc.]. I will that Elizabeth my wyff have the house and landes that Thomas Blakey holdes in Sutton the terme of her lyff; and [remainder] to the hare. I will that Sir Henry Wellys and William Bewaters be my executors. Resydue to Elizabeth my wyffe and to John Whythode, my sone, equally.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 3 August, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BENYT [OF DONINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, *f.* 134*d.*]

12 June, 1529. I Robert Benet of Donyngton in Holland. I bequeth to the bying of a crosse to the churche of Donyngton fyve markes. To the church of Swyneshed fyve markes to on ornament as the parysh thynkes most neyd of to the pleasure of God. To Xp'ofer Bennet; John Bennet; Malde Bennet; Alyn Bennet; Ric' Bennet and Emme Bennet, the chyldren off William Bennet; Robert Bennet, sone of Alyn Bennet; Agnes Atkyng; Jenet Foster and Margaret Foster; and John Oky, my servand. I will that my howse that John Thorp dwellys in at thys tyme, wyth all such landes that longes to it with in the towne or feld of Donyngton, remane in the handes of Sir John Pollyn, John Jakson, Thomas Luffe and Robert Luffe, and the advantage therof to remane to Elizabeth Bennet, my wyff, the terme off hyr lyff; and then I will it remane in the handes of the same iiij men towarde the fyndyng of a preste prayng for my soule and all cristen soulys with in the church of Donyngton the space of lxxxxix yeres; and then I will aftyr it be solde be my executors or ther assignes, and [*folio* 135] the money therof to be disposyd with in the church of Donyngton to the honor of God and all sayntes. I will that my wyff have my house that Paten wyff dwellys in the terme of her lyff, kepyng dew reparacions; [remainder] to the feoffys of our Lady chauntry of Donyngton to the use of the chauntry preste. I will my wyff have a acre of arable lande lying in Donyngton felde, holdyn off Mr Merys fee, the terme of hyr lyff, with a acre of yngrownd lying at Parke Stowe, the terme of her lyff; [remainder] to Alyn Bennet and to William Bennet to gyff and to sell. Resydue to Elizabeth Bennet, my wyff, John Jakson and Robert Luff, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wyttnesses, Sir John Gybson, vic' of Donyngton; Alyn Bennyt; William Foster; John Oky; William Scheryngton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 25 July, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS COWDE [OF TIMBERLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 259.]

12 June, 1529. I Thomas Cowde in Tymberland paryshyng. My body to be buryed in the church of St. Androy in Tymberland. And my corsepresent to be gyffyn of my best goodes as use and custome requiryth. To the hygh alter in Tymberland church xij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To the nonnys of Catley with syster iij*s.* iiij*d.* Resydewe of goodes to my wyff [*folio* 259*d.*] and John Cowde, my sone, which I make my executors. I gyff Mr Robert Hosey, esquier, for to be supervisor fyve marke to be good to my wyff and John Cowde, my sone. Wytnes heroff, Sir Robert Dowke; Robert Therlbek; William Ellerd; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 29 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WRYGHT [OF MININGSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 361.]

13 June, 1529. I Robert Wryght of Mynyngesby. My body to be buryed in the church or churchyerde of St. Androy of Mynyngesby, with that that the law requiryth to be my mortuary. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the highe altare of Mynyngesby xx*d.* To the parysh of Estkyrkby xij*d.* To the churches of Hareby, Asgarby, Hameryngham and Claxby. [*folio* 361*d.*] To Jenet my doughter. To Charlys my sone my lande in Hawthorne, and that the same Charlys and Xp'ofer my sonnys have my fyrme in Mynyngesby that I holde of the college of Tateshall. To Xp'ofor my sone my house in Mynyngesby callyd Waynflet house. To John my sone my house that Barry dwellyth in, wyth the fyrme that I holde of Mr Sheffelde. I will that Alice my wyff have the gydyng and delyverance of all the bequethementes to my forsayd chyldren, and to delyver it to them severally as they shall come to ther full age. I will that Charlys, Xp'ofer and John my sonnys be my executors. Wytnes, Sir Thomas Toly, parson; Robert Porter; Thomas Maltby; Thomas Bray; Thomas Burton; and John Wanflet.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 31 January, 1531. Admin. granted to Charles Wright, reserving power to grant to the other two executors when they shall come.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM ROBERTSON [OF BURTON PEDWARDINE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 90.]

16 June, 1529. I Will'm Robertson de Burton Hossey. My body to be buryd with in the churche yerde of St. Androw, and my best best to be my mortuary after the custume of the countre. To

the high awter of Burton for tithes forgoten viij*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.* I wil that my too children Will'm and George either of theym have c*s.*, and it to be delyvered to Will'm Howker of Hekyngton of this condicion, that he and one other honest man wilbe bounden in an obligacion of xx*l.* to delyver it to the children [or the survivor] when they shall come at age of xviij yeres. And if both die afore the said yeres, then I will tha [*sic*] Helayne my wif have the one v*l.*, and the other v*l.* to be disposed for my soule. I will that Heleyn my wif have the house that I wonne ynne with the landes to it belongeng and all other commodities for the space of xxti yeres, upholyng it sufficiently. I wil that either of my said ij children have one cowe of the age of v yeres olde, to be delyvered to theym when they are xij yere olde, to go forward to ther profit. To Jenet my yonger doughter. To Agnes my doughter one foured cote. To Jenet myn eldest doughter vj*s.* viij*d.* [*folio* 90*d.*] of the iiij nobles that was in her husband hand, John Ordyng, that I lent hym. To Elizabeth my doughter xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, to be taken of John Brown of Morton, that I lent hym. To the churchewarkes of Burton half a seme of barly. I wil have a trentall song for my soule and my wif soule with in the churche of Burton, for the whiche I bequeth x*s.* I wil have disposed for my soule at my buryall day xx*s.*, and other xx*s.* at my vij day. The residue I put to the disposicion of Will' Howker of Hekyngton and Eleyn my wif, whome I make my executours, to dispose my goodes by the oversight of Simon Robertson. This beyng witnes, Sir John Jonson; Godfrey Martyn of Scredyngton; Will'm Gildyn of Burton; Richard Huchenson; with other more.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 22 September, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Henry Lodge [of the parish of Holy Rood, Lincoln, baker].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 136*d.*]

17 June, 1529. I Henry Lodge of the parysh of the Holy Roode at Gootes in the suburbes of the citie of Lincoln, baker, seyk in body. To my sones, Xp'ofer Lodge, Thomas Lodge and Robert Lodge, and my doughter, Mare Lodge, and the chylde wich Helyn my wyff goyth bounden with all, when as they shall come to laufull age of mariage; and I will that the forsayd legaces hole remayn from on chylde to an nother longest lyffyng; [remainder to] be holy dysposyd to a preste to syng and pray for my soule, ther soulys and all crysten soulys in the church of Holy Rood. Resydue to Helene Lodge, my wyff, apon that condicion that she do bryng up and fynde my sayd chyldren withowt enny mynyshyng of there legaces unto thay be at laufull age of mariage, whome I make executrix. And I will that Robert Vrry of the citie of Lincoln, baker, and Rob't Wright of the same, tanner, be supervisors. To Sir Robert Maxson, my gostly father, xij*d.* Thes wyttenes, Sir Robert Maxson; Robert

Vrry; Robert Wryght; John Roderam; John Welcom; and John Lamme; with other.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 10 August, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TALBOT OF TEVELBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 166*d.*]

19 June, 1529. I Richerd Talbot of Tevylby. My body to be buryed in the parysh church of All Halloys of Tevelby, with that to be my mortuary that law and custome requiryth. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.*, and to the high alter of the same church xij*d.* To our Lady Frerys of Lincoln xij*d.* To the blak frerys of the same xij*d.* To the gray frerys of Grymesby xij*d.* To the Augustyne frerys of the same xij*d.* To the high alter in the parysh church of Tevelby ij*s.* To Kyrmond, Staynton and Beyllesby churches. To Richerd Talbot iij*l.*, Sybill Talbot xl*s.*, and Alice Talbot xl*s.*, [*folio* 167] and yff it happen any of them to departe owt of thys worlde afore they cum at laufull age, that then the parte of them so dying to go to the use of the survivers. To the church of Tevelby for a cope to be bought to the same iij*l.* To Sir Gowyn Talbot xx*s.* and a sylver spone. To Robert Lacy. To John Talbot, my sone. To William Talbot, my sone, vj sylver sponys and a mazer. I will that a prest be found to syng and celebrat for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys one halff yere, and to have to hys wagys l*s.*, yff my goodes will extende therto. To William Talbot, my sonne, to hym, hys heyres and assignes, on house with all that belonges therunto within the towne and feldys of Tevelby, wich house lieth betwyx the land of Thomas Fotherby of the este parte, and the landes late William Baldok of the west and north partes, buttyng south upon the commen way; and on messuage with thappurtenaunces, set and lying at Comerawhill, next betwyx the landes late Thomas Fotherby of the west partie, and the commen way of the south parte; and on other messuage with all the appurtenaunces, lying in Tevelby, next betwyx the landes late Thomas Knyghttes, esquier, of the south partie, and the commen ways of the est and north partes, and abbuttes upon Cafforth layne of the west partie. To John Talbot, my sone, to hym, hys heyres and assignes, too messuages with the appurtenaunces, lying in Tevelby, betwyx the landes late Thomas Knyghttes of the est partie, and the commen lane ther of the weste partie, buttyng uppon the felde aganst the north, and the commen way aganst the south; and also all my landes, medoy and pasture with thappurtenaunces, lying on the northsyde of Tevelby, Holbraysyke and Northynges; with iiij pecys of pastur callyd Barnard Staynges, contenyng viij rodes; and a pece of medoy in the est Carr of the pastures of Tevelby, conteynyng in brede xxix[ty] foote and a halff. The resydue of all my landes [*folio* 167*d.*] within the towne and feldes of Tevelby and otherwhere within the countie of Lincoln I gyff unto the forsayd

William Talbot to have and to holde to hym, hys heyres and assygnes for ever. The resydue of my goodes to the forsayd John and William, whome I orden my executors; with the supervision off William Hill of Tevelby, whome I make supervisor. Wytnes wherof, Syr Jamys Wallys, vicar of Tevelby; Richerd Walker; Thomas Bayerd; Thomas Walche; William Toynton; and other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 17 June, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BOSWELL [OF ULCEBY BY BARNETBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 97*d.*]

20 June, 1529. I Robert Boswell of Ulceby. I wytt to Sir William Taylor of the Augustyns frearys of Grymesby x*s.* to syng a trentall of messys for my soule. I witt to Christopher Boswell, my brother, xl*s.*, yff he will make my wyff a quietance; yff he will not, I will he have no penyworth of my goodes. I witt to William Boswell, my brother, xiij*s.* iiij*d.* I wytt to John Boswell, my brother son, iiij*l.*, the wych was hys father legacy, and to Catheryne Boswell and Agnes Boswell, hys systers, iiij*l.*, [apiece] wich was their father legacy. I witt to Elizabeth Boswell, my doughter, xx mark of money and a mazer, [etc.], and Anne my wyff att her awn proper costes shall fynd her unto she be off age. Residue of goodes to my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wyttnes, Sir William Hogson, my curat; William Stevenson; and John Hacchet; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Caistor, 30 September, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS PANTON OF HATCLYFF.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 185*d.*]

1 July, 1529. I Thomas Panton. My body to buryed in the church yerd of our Lady in Hatclyff. I gyff my beste beaste for my mortuary. To the hygh alter of Hatclyff iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the hygh alter of our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Lady warkes ther xij*d.* To Westrandell, Estrandell, Woldenewton, Belysby and Thurganby churches. To Ashby church to ther bellys xx*d.* To Hatclyff church to the payntyng of the crucifix, Mary and John xxxiij*s.* iiij*d.* I gyff my new house in Goneyerby, callyd Banys Thyng, with thappurtenaunces in the towne and felde of Goneyerby to John Panton, my eldest sonne, and to the heyres male of hys body; [remainder in succession to Robert Panton, my son, and William Panton, my brother, in tail male]. To the sayd John Panton Kelke Thyng with thappurtenaunces wythin the towne and felde of Goneyerby. To Robert, my sonne, Jacob Thyng wyth all thappurtenaunces within the towne and felde of Goneyerby. To Elizabeth, Jenett and Agnes my doughters. To John Panton, my baste sonne, viij markes. To John Knage. The resydue of my goodes to be at the disposicion of

Robert and John my sonnys, whome I make my executors. To Sir Ralffe Heylde [*folio* 186] x*s*., whome I make supervisor. Theys beyng wytnesses, Sir Ralffe Heylde; Robert Panton; John Panton; Richerd Panton; and John Knage; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 4 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY JOHNSON [OF STALLINGBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 97.]

12 July, 1529. I Henry Johnson of Stallyngburgh. I wytt to every doughter that I have iij*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*., and yff it fortune anny off all my chylder, both sonys and doughters, to departe before that they cum to laufull age, [etc.]. Yff it please God that my wyff be with a manchylde, and he lyff to he cum to lefull age, I will that he have all the landes and medoys wythin the lordschyp of Stallyngburgh that I have purchessyd off Ric' Huggyltherpe; [the remainder] I wytt to Richerd my sone. I will that the money that is to pay for the lande be takyn off my goodes besyde my chylders partes. To William my brother. The resydue off my goodes not gyffyn nor wytt I gyff to Margaret my wyff, and I make her and William my brother my executors. Thes wyttnes, Sir Alan Lusby, chaplain; William Tayllor; and John Everby; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Castr', 30 September, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MISSYNDEN [OF BURGH IN THE MARSH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 92.]

12 July, 1529. I John Missynden de Burgh in the Marshe. My body to be buryd in the churchyerd of saynt Peter of Burgh, and my best beste to be my mortuary. To our Lady werke at Lincoln viij*d*. To the high aulter xij*d*. To the sacrament of Burgh churche xij*d*. To either gilde of Burgh xij*d*. [*folio* 92*d*.] To the reparacions of St. Peter churche of Burgh iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the convent at Bullington iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the high aulter in Crofte churche for forgoten tithes xx*d*. To Margarit Wikelif xl*s*. To eche on of my doughters xx*s*. I wil that William Missynden, my son, have the house agaynst the parsonage, of Bekcrofte, with the appurtenaunces, to hym and his heyres; and if he dye with out children, then I wil that Xp'ofer Carter have the [premises] to hym, hys heyres and assignes for ever. I wil that Alice Philipson and Richard my sone have the house at Powes Wele the terme of ther lives; and after to William my son and his children; and for fawte of children, I will Xp'ofer Carter have it as aforesaid. Residue of my goodes to William Missynden, my sone, and Xp'ofer Carter, whom I make my executours. Witnes wherof, Thom's Jordan, vicar; John Mody; Peter Steven; and Will' Rede; with other more.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 12 October, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PYNCHBEK [OF BUTTERWICK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 104.]

15 July, 1529. I John Pynchbek of Butterwyk make thys my testament, concludyng therin my last will. To Agnes my wyff [goods] that she had before I maryd her. To Agnes my wyff a fetherbed, a sylver harnesyd gyrdyll and a pare of gret beadys with sylver gawdys the terme of her lyff, and aftyr hyr decease to remayn to Margaret my doughter and to her heyres. To the same Margaret v markes when she is at age of xxij yere or at the day off her mariage. To William, Thomas and Roger my sones. I will that John my sone have my [*folio* 104*d.*] capitall mansion that I dwell in and all the ground and housyng therto belongyng, the pasture callyd Dale, on ryg callyd Bell Ryg, on ryg callyd Crakyll But, to hym and hys heyres, accordyng to the last will of Richerd Pynchebek,[1] my graunsyr, viij acres medoy lyeng in Butterwyk Inges, callyd Hapcote Hyll, and on ryg lyeng in Tadcrofte Felde next the land of Mr Welby of the est and Mr Foderby of the west, in fee simple. I wyll that Agnes my wyff have iij acres past'r, callyd Crosland, and iij acres land, lyeng in Benyngton Felde in a place callyd Seeldyke, the terme of hyr lyff; and aftyr her decease I will the sayd pastur callyd Crosland remayn to John my sone in fee symple, and the sayd land in Benyngton Felde to Thomas my sone in fee symple. I will that Thomas my sone have on acre and a halff lande, lyeng in the felde of Benyngton in the sayd place callyd Seeldyke, in fee symple; and yff he dye with owt heyres of hys body and by fore Agnes my wyff, I will that the lande remayn to William my sone and Margaret my doughter to be devydyd equally betwyxt them. I will that the sayd Thomas have on acre of medoy in Butterwyk Ynges next the medoy lately John Loydon of the este, and the medoy lately John Greves towardes the north. I will that William my sone have on acre land lying in Cadcrofte Felde next kyrke stigh of the south syde, v rodes ynges callyd Keker, and ij acres ynges next the medoy of the lord Rose of the est, in fee symple. I will that my executors shall fynde an honest prest the space of di. a yere in the church of Butterwyk to pray for my soule, for the soulys of my fader and mother, for the soulys off my wyffes, for the soulys of all my good frendes, and for all crysten soulys. The rest of my goodes I putt to the disposicion of John Pynchbek my [*folio* 105] sone, and Peter Blakster, whome I make my executors to bryng me honestly forth, [etc.]. Thyes wytnes, Sir Robert Peycok, prest; Peter Butler; John Gylbert; and other moye. I require Richerd Pynchbek, my brother, to be overseer.

Proved before P., at Benyngton, 16 September, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

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[1] P.C.C., 28 Vox.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM HOGANSON [OF ST. PETER'S IN EASTGATE, LINCOLN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 93.]

16 July, 1529. I Will'm Hoganson, of the parysh of saynt Peter in Estgate in the suburbys of the citie of Lincoln. To every on of my chylder xl*s.*, and yff any of them departe owt of thys worlde before they cum to the age of mariage, [etc.]. To Thomas Rasebecke. To Will'm Rasebecke, hys brother. I will that my wyff mother have her fyndyng wyth my wyff, or ellys to have sufficiently of my goodes to fynde her wythall as long as she lyffys. To John Hoganson, my brother son. To Jenet my syster. To Margaret Waynwryght. To John Pearson and Jenet my servands. To every on of my god chyldren. To Jenet Johnson and Margaret Johnson other of them on schepe. To Robert Holme. To John Hoganson, my brother. To sir William Johnson. To every on of the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln xij*d.* I bequeth to xxxty prestes to syng on trentall the day of my burying x*s.* The resydue of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, the wich Agnes and Robert Smyth, lay sacriston, I make my executors. I make supervisor William Mylner.

Thyes being wytnes, sir William Johnson, my curat; John Doughty; William Mylner; John Laurence; and Robert Holme; with other moy.

Proved before P., in the parish church of St. Peter in Eastgate in the city of Lincoln, 31 July, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF STEPHEN FYSHE [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 99.]

18 July, 1529. I Stepyn Fyshe of Kyrton in Holand, make my testament, concludyng therein my last will. To my wyff all my landes the space of xvj yeres; [remainder in succession] to Robert my sone in fe sympill at the age of xvj, and Margaret my doughter in fe symple; [remainder], yff bothe my chylder dy or they cum to laufull age, to be solde by the advyse of my wyff and Xp'ofer Bennet, and to be disposyd in vertuos usys in Kyrton church for the helthe of my soule and my parentes and good frendes. [*folio* 99*d.*] To Margaret my doughter on brown dowyd cowe, [etc.]. To Xp'ofer Bennet on gray mare that goth with his fader mearys. And I will that he have the cattyll that I have gyffyn to my chyldren to use it to ther proffyt to they cum att laufull age. Resydue of my goodes to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thyes wytnes, Sir John Bruster of Kyrton; William Tonnarde of the same; John Tunnard of the same; Ric' Tunnard; and William Tale of the same.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 26 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ISABEL HOLBYCH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 135.]

23 July, 1529. I Isabell Holbich. I bequeth to a prest to syng for me and all crysten soulys on yere fully complete iiij*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To William Holbech. To John Socke vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* and hys awn rayment and clothyng wich I bought for hym. The resydue of my goodes, thys my will and testament fulfyllyd, and my husband will, John Holbeche, also fullfyled, I gyff to Thomas my sone and Elizabeth my doughter. The wich Thomas and Elizabeth [*folio* 135*d.*], Richerd Alanby and Thomas Doughtty I ordeyne my executors; and I will that ether of the sayd Richerd Alanby and Thomas Doughtty have for ther labor vj*s.* viij*d.*; they to governe the sayd resydue to the use of my sayd chyldren unto they cum to laufull age of mariage. I make Sir William Ascugh, knyght, and Sir John Wellys, prest, to be supervisors. Thies wyttnes, Sir Thomas Wardrope, prest; Sir Thomas Alanby, prest; Robert Kelsey; Henry Crakome; Henry Homfrey; Robert Tharrolde; with many other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 2 August, 1529. Admin. granted to Richard Alanby and Thomas Doughtty, reserving power to grant to the children being under age, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT SAWCETHORP OF LANGTON [BY HORNCASTLE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 150.]

26 July, 1529. I Robert Sawstrop of Langton next Horncastr'. My body to be buryed within the church yerde of St. Margaret off Langton. In the name of my mortuary my best beast. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the hygh alter of Langton iiij*d.* I make Jenet my wyff my sole executrix. The resydue of my goodes to Jenet my wyffe that she may dispose them for the welth of my soule.

Thys is my last will as concernyng all my landes and tenementes with in Langton, Themolby and Horncastr'. I gyff all my landes, tenementes, [etc.], to Jenet Sawsthorpe my wyff duryng hyr lyff; [remainder in succession] to Gilbert my eldest sone, John Sawsthorpe, my sone, and Elizabeth Sawsthorp, my doughter, and the heyres of [their] bodies, payng the chefe lordes rent and servys accostomyd; [remainder] to the next of my blode. Also I make feoffers [*folio* 150*d.*] for the performans of thys my last wyll Robert Rock of Langton, Sir William Lancastr' of the same, John Lincoln of the same and Thomas Stevenson of Horncastr', and I will that they feoff my wyff in all [the premises]. And thys my will never to be voyd nor disanollyd. Thes wyttnes, Sir William Lancastr'; John Lincoln; Thomas Stevenson; with other.

Proved before P., at Fulletby, 7 March, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DANNOT [OF NORTH OWERSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 102*d.*]

28 July, 1529. I Robert Dannot of Owersby makes my wyll and testament, [etc.]. I wytt my soule, [etc.]. To Agnes my doughter for hyr parte of my goodes and to her mariag vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* I will that a prest syng di. a yere for the helth of my soule within the parysh chyrch of Owresby. To every on off my godchylder iiij*d.* to pray for my soule. To William Dannot, my sone, and hys heyres for ever on house in the south ende of Owresby, that is callyd Dannot Thyng, that I bought of Mr John Monson, esqwyer, with all land, medoys and past'r therto belongyng ; Howdernes Thyng with the new layth with all the land, medoys and past'r therto belongyng ; and ij lytyll croftes, callyd Pygot Thyng, lying in Owresby, with all the landes, medoys and past'r therto belongyng. To William my son the take of the yeres of iij stong off medos wich is callyd Darsy Dayll, payng ij*s.* viij*d.* to Mr Forman for rent of yt. I will that Alice my wyff and William my sone be my executors. To John Dannot, my sone, and hys heyres for ever the est house with medoy and past'r therto belongyng. The resydue off my goodes not gyffyn and my wyll probate, I gyff theym to Alice my wyff and to William my sone to devyd it equally betwyxt them. Yff ther be any lak or fawte in thys my will makyng, or in my dede of feofment makyng, I will it be reformed by William my son or hys counsyll lernyd, to make it as strong or sewer for hys behove as can be devysyd accordyng to the effecte aforesayd. Thes men to wytnes, John Lamyng, prest ; Thomas Hauton ; William Wellys of Owersby ; and John Hauton ; with other moy.

Proved at Market Rasen, 29 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN JAKSON [OF QUADRING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 103.]

2 August, 1529. I John Jakson of Quadryng. To Avyse my wyff syx horse and mares, [etc.], and a mydo salte ; also xiiij*l.* to be reysyd of my salte cote with thys condicion, that she shall delyver to my executors or assygnes on indenture by the wiche I am bounde to leff to her use duryng her lyff xiij*s.* iiij*d.* by yere, [*folio* 103*d.*] [etc.]. To Alys my doughter iiij acres lande of Mr Meres fee, lyeng ny to Jakson house, my lande in Wygtofte, [etc.]. To Johan my doughter my mansyon wich I dwell in, wyth on halff acr' of land longyng to Monkes Hale, and another longyng to Mr Meres, bothe lying betwyxt my mansyon and Carter House. Yff ether of my doughters dye with owt ishewe of ther bodyes, I will all my land remane to the other lyffyng and to her heyres of her body ; [remainder] to the chapell of our Lady in Quadryng Edyke to the mayntenyng of a prest to pray for my soule and all my frendes soulys as counsell lernyd shall devyse. To Thomas my sone my house callyd Mylner

House, with thys condicion, that he shall not trobyll my executors nor minstres ; yff he doy, I gyff it to Mr Thomas Tempest, esquier. To Mr Tempest a myd salte, also my best horse aftyr my mortuary be chosen, or xx*s*. at hys election. To Sir Robert Thorpe v stryke salte and a qwye. To John Straker. The rest off my goodes to Alice Jakson and Johan Jakson, my doughters, whome I make my executors. I will that Sir Gylys Wood, prest, devyde my goodes betwyxt my wyff and my doughters accordyng to my will. I will that yff any man trobyll or shew [*sic*] myn executors, then the forsayd Sir Gyles shall defend them wyth my goodes, and he shall have a gown cloth and xx*s*. for hys labor; and yff he have any labor concernyng my chyldren welthe I will hys chargys be borne of my goodes. I make Thomas [*folio* 104] Tempest, esquier, supervisor. I will have a trentall of saynt Gregory, wich I will Sir Robert Thorpe have. I will that Robert Danyell have the order of my salte cote when Sir Gyles is absent, so that the proffytes therof remayn to my doughters. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Thorpe; Robert Danyell; William Storer ; John Vyrley; with others.

Proved before P., 1529, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS OLYUER [OF LONG LEADENHAM, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 187*d*. *Translated from the Latin.*]

2 August, 1529. I Thomas Oliuer, 'husbandman'. My body to be buried in the churchyard of St. Swithin of Longledenham, if I shall there depart this light, [etc.]. To the mother church of Lincoln. To the high altar of my parish church for tithes forgotten vj*d*. To the light before the image of the blessed Virgin iiij*d*. To the maintenance of the bells vj*d*. To each of my four sons five marks. To each of my two elder sons xx*s*. beyond the aforesaid sum on account of a scruple of my conscience. To the high altar at Fulbek. To the use of the parish church vj*d*. The residue to Robert and John Oliver my brothers, whom I make my executors, [etc.]. If any of my sons shall die before they come to mature age, [etc.]. To the parents of my wife lately deceased xx*s*. The best garments (*togas*) of my wife lately deceased I give to her father and mother. To all the sons and daughters whom I have raised (*levavi*) from the holy font xij*d*. To Hugh Warner with his son x*s*. I will that Ralph Landesdale also be an executor with my two brothers.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SWYNE [OF FULSTOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 91*d*.]

10 August, 1529. I William Swyne of Fulstow ordeyns and settes my will. My body to be buryd in the churchyerd in Fulstow with that the law wil to be in the name of my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high aulter in Fulstowe xij*d*. [*folio* 92] To the churches of St. Laurence of Fulstow, Marshechapell,

Garnethorp, Cawthorp, Ludburgh, Teylby, Northwillingham, Estrasyn, Midelrasyn and Westrasyn. To Margret my wif iij kye with all her howsehold stuf that I had with her. To John Swyne, my son, my ploughe, iiij oxon, ij horses, [etc.]; also my copy of the Beken fee. To Water my sone a shod carte, [etc.] ; and my copy of Hercy fee. To Anne my doughter. To John Swyne. To Water my sone. To Alyson my doughter her moder bedes with all the jowelles bi the same. The residue of my goodes not gyven nor wyte I gif to John Swyne, Walter Swyne and Thomas, whome I make my executors ; and Thomas my sone to be supervisor. To Andrew Leymyng. Thies witnes, Sir Richard Raynold, vic' ; Sir John Londesdale ; Sir William Aleyn ; John Cowper ; Will' Puttrell ; Roger Hyrne.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF JANE ARMSTRONG [OF CORBY, VOWESS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 98.]

28 August, 1529. I Dame Jane Armstrong of Corby, vowys, makes my last will. To the reparacions of the church of Corby xl*s*. To the chyrchys off Byrton, Swynsted, Swafelde and Irnham di. quarter barly [each]. To Dame Johane Tyssyngton, priorys off Haverham, vj*s*. viij*d*. To the nonys of Sempyngham vj*s*. viij*d*., wherof Dame Agnes Rud to have xl*d*. I will that Sir Robert Andro syng for my soule and my frende soulys iij yeres, to have every yere, over and above xl*s*. a yere, a bonet, a sherte. To Robert Swafeld. To Thomas Sheryff and John Bate, my men servants. To Agnes and Isabell Dale. To Elizabeth Shershanges. [*folio* 98*d*.] To Sir Robert my chapleyn iiij*s*., [etc.]. To Elizabeth Dane. To Margaret Pacy. The resydue of my goodes I will be equally devydyd betwyxt my sonys, Thomas Armestrong and William Armstrong ; and I make my executors my sone Thomas Armstrong and Sir John Obyn, vic' of Corby, and John Coson, thelder, gentilman, and to have for ther labors xx*s*. iche. I will that it may be devysyd by lernyd counsell that my sone, William Armstrong, may have made sure to hym and to hys heyres malys the house in Corby callyd Spencer Thyng and iij*l*. a yere of my lande in Grantham; and for lak of heyr male to reterne ageyn to my sone and heyr, Thomas Armstrong, and to hys heyres. Wytnes, William Armstrong ; and Sir Robert Andro, prest ; with many other moo.

Proved before P., at Creton, 20 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN ANSON [OF ROWSTON].

[L.C.C., 1532-4, *f.* 143*d*.]

31 August, 1529, at Rouston. I Jenet Anson of Rowston, consyderyng the perell of dethe, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the kyrke of St. Clemens of Rouston. I bequethe for my mortuary as the lawe requyrys. I will that a dirige be done in Slefurthe kyrke

for me. To the high altare of Sleforthe iiij*d*. To St. Xp'ofer gylde ij*d*. To the Trinite gylde ij*d*. To St. Sunday light j*d*. To the Wevers light j*d*. To Michel Beche, my sun, a counter, a mantyll, a bed in the chamber, a cowcher and a coverlyd. To Johanne Gray, the doughter of John Gray of Sleforthe, a bed, a cowcher, a coverlyd of whyte blankyd, my best beades, my best gyrdyll, a basyn, a laver, a pare of lyn schetes, my best potte, save one and my best panne save one and ij lyttyll kystes. To Elizabeth Gray a gret kyst and my best goune. To Richerde Bate of Lauforthe a rounde table, a cradyll and a nolde leade. To Margaret Fulwoode off Newarke a foldyn table. To John Beche, [*folio* 144] William Beche and Thomas Beche a nolde arke [apiece]. To Margaret Beche my blak gowne new, my blak harnest gyrdyll and a blak hatte ; and to my syster at Sleforthe a hewke. The resydue of my goodes I betake to my sun, Michel Beche, that he may dispose it for my soule. Wytnes to the same, Sir William Borow, vic' of Rowston ; Sir William Wade of the same towne ; and Sir Richerde Wade of the same ; with oder.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 17 May, 1533.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HALYDAY [OF GRIMOLDBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 91.]

6 September, 1529. I Robert Halyday of Grymolby. My body to be buryd in the churche yerd of St. Edithe in Grymolby with [*folio* 91*d*.] that that the lawe and costume requireth to be my mortuary. To the high awter of our moder churche of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high awlter of the parishe churche of Grymolby viij*d*., and to Corpus Xp'i gilde in Grymolby xx*d*. To St. Leonard in Cokryngton churche iiij*d*., and to the high auter in the same ij*d*. To St. Peter of Stuton iiij*d*., and to our Lady of Louthparke Abbey vj*d*., and to St. Peter in the west churche of Salfletby iiij*d*. To William my sone a pasture of iij acres, leyng within the lordship of Manby, to hym and his heyres for ever, with his parte of all my other landes aftyr the costume of the countrey. To William, James, Roger and Robert my sons [goods] to be delyvered when the com at age of xviij yeres, and every on to be others heyres. To my doughters Jenet and Joane. The residue of my goodes to Agnes my wif and William my son, whom I ordeyn executors, and Mr John Litilbury [supervisor], to dispose for the helth of my soule. This witnes, Roger Tyson ; William Sheffeld ; William Smyth of Grymolby ; with other more.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1529.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CLEY [OF SPALDING].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 100*d*.]

10 September, 1529. I John Cley of Spaldyng. To Thomas Cley, my eldest sone, my house that I dwell in, and tenne dyker of ledder and the vessels belongyng therto, to hym and hys heyres of hys body when he cometh to full age ; [remainder] to my sone, Henry Cley, hys next brother, when he cumyth to full age, and to

hys heyres of hys body ; [remainder] to Catheryne Cley, my eldest doughter, when she cumyth to full age, to her and her heyres of her body, and she shall fynde on honest prest to syng for me and my good frendes halff a yere. I will that Thomas my eldest sone shall gyff unto hys syster, Catheryne Cley, when she cumyth to full age, fyve markes sterlyng. To Henry Cley, my second sone, the house that sumtyme was Robert Grynston, and eyght dykker of ledder and the vessels belongyng therto, when he cumyth att full age, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body ; and he shall gyff to hys syster, Agnes Cley, fyve markes sterlyng when she cumyth to full age ; [remainder] to Agnes Cley, my yongest doughter, when she cumyth to full age, to her and her heyres of her body, [*folio* 101] and she shall fynde on honest prest to syng for me and my good frendes halff a yere ; [remainder as to] the housys to John Cley, my brother, to hym and hys heyres of hys body, and he shall fynde on honest prest to syng for me and for all my good frendes too yeres in the paryshe church of Spaldyng, the wich prest shall have for hys labor xvj markes sterlyng. The resydue of my goodes to Thomas Cley, my sone, Henry Cley, my sone, and Robert Walpole, whome I make my executors ; they to dispose for the helth of my soule. Thyes beyng wytnes, Sir Ric' Bell, hys curate and gostly father ; William Longley ; John Longley ; Thomas Palmer ; Thomas Melton ; Robert Horseley ; and other.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 26 October, 1529. Admin. granted to Robert Walpole, Thomas Cley having been snatched away by death, and Henry Cley then being in the seventh year of his age.

[The testament of Christopher Robert of Kirton in Holland].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 99.]

10 September, 1529. I Xp'ofer Robert of Kyrton in Holand, makes my testament, concludyng with my last will. To Elizabeth my wyff all the landes the wich I have in Kyrton duryng hyr lyff ; and aftyr hyr decease, I will that Thomas and Richerd my sonnys have the landes, and the one to be the other heyr, yf either di with owt issue. The resydue of my goodes to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix, to dispose my goodes to the most pleasure of God and helthe of my soule. Thes beryng wytnes, Sir Thomas Ashley ; Ric' Osburne ; and Michell Perre ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 26 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of John Buschey [of Leverton].

[L.C.C. 1520-31, *f.* 99*d.*]

14 September, 1529. I John Buschey of Leuerton. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Helene in Leuerton, and to be my mortuary that the law requirys. To the parsons for tythes and

oblacions forgotten viij*d.* To the ornamentes off the hygh alter iiij*d.* To the church warkes in Leuerton xiij*s.* iiij*d.* [*folio* 100] To my mother xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To Margaret Merylde, my syster. I will that Alice my wyff have her joynture the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her decease I will that on acre pasture lying in Leeke nygh the southe dyke be solde be my executors and disposyd in the church warkes of Leuerton. I will that on acre and di. tyland, lying in Leek south felde next Cadesons Grene be solde, and of the sayd money I will have on trentall song in Leuerton church. I will that Leek church have of the sayde lande iij*s.* iiij*d.*; and that the resydue of the money that remayns of the landes be disposyd in the church warkes of Leuerton. To my syster Alice on acre pasture in Benyngton Inges to her and to her hayrys. I will that my mother have on pyngle in fe symple, lying ny the church stight syde, she beyng in possession of it. I will have an obbyt kepte of all the resydue of the landes that my mother hath, aftyr her decease, for evermore. I wyll that the resydue of all my landes be devydyd betwene Richerd Busche, sone of Walter Busche, and Thomas son of John Busche, to thaym and to ther heyres. Yff it fortune my wyff to be with chylde, and it lyff to it cum at laufull age, then I will it have all my landes in Leke and Leuerton in fe symple after my wyff decease. The resydue of my goodes to Alice my wyff and to Sir John Fendyke, whome I make my executors. Walter Busche to be supervisor. Thes wytnes, Sir John Westmellys; Walter Busche; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 25 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

[THE TESTAMENT OF] WILLIAM DAWSONNE [OF FLEET].

[L.C.C., 1543-56, *f.* 61. *Collated with an unfinished copy in L.C.C., 1520-31,* f. *137, referred to in the footnotes as* A.]

16 September, 1529. I William Dawsonne of Flete. My bodie to be buried with in oure Ladies Queer in the churche of Marie Madlene in Fleete, with that that is right [in] the name of my mortuarie. To the hie altar of Fleete xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To the warke of the saide churche xx*s.* To every greate light with in the said churche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the May light one cowe. To the makinge of the roundell ij*s.* viij*d.* To the makinge of oure Ladie Radybound[1] chapell vj*s.* viij*d.* To the buyinge one paire of organes to the saide churche x*l.* To the hie altar of Holbeche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the high altar of Moultonne ij*s.* To the worke of oure moder churche in Lincoln ij*s.* To the poore children of sainte Katherines with out Lincoln xij*d.* To one hable priest to singe for my soule and all chr'en soules one yere Cvj*s.* viij*d.* To the iiij orders of Friers in Lynne for iiij trentalles for my soule xl*s.* To the iiij ordres of Friers in Bostonne in like manner xl*s.* To the churche wardeine of Flete iiij kyen to be delivered at Maie daie next cominge, and thei to kepe yerelie a

[1] 'Redbone' in *A*.

solempne [dyryge and messe with note[1]] for the soule of Johnne Chowney[2] and all chr'en soules. To Elizabethe my wief all my [*folio* 61*d.*] tenementes and landes which I have by dede, copie or bill, lienge in Fleete, the terme of her lief, and she to kepe theim sufficientlie repariled; and after her deces I will thei shall remaine to Johnne my sonne and to his heires of his bodie; [remainder] to other of my children in like manner. To Johnne my sonne all my laundes in Suttonne, free and copie hold, to him and to his heires of his bodie, when he cometh to the eage of xxj yeres; [remainder] to other of my children in like manner. To Johnne my sonne xx*l.* sterlinge at the saide age. To Roberte and Will'm my sonnes xx markes sterlinge [apiece]. To Elizabeth my daughter xx*l.* sterlinge and half of all my houshold stuf, the which that was her moders, to be delivered at the daie of her mariage. And if all the said children decease with out heires, as God defende, then I will my laundes in Suttonne and Fleete, after the decease of Elizabeth my wief, be sold and disposed in praier and other wourkes necessarie to the churche of Fleete by the handes of myn exequutors, and in like manner all the monney. The residue of my goodes to Elizabeth my wief, and I ordeine her, William Blackborne and Laurence Clerke myn exequutors. This to witnes, Thomas Cuer, parson; Johnne Bakster; and Johnne Wardell; with other moe.

[*folio* 62] Proved before Master John Rayne, LL.D., vicar general, official principal, etc., in the church of St. Michael the greater (*Maioris*) in the town of Staunford, 17 September, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HYRNE [OF FULSTOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 91.]

20 September, 1529. I John Hyrne of Fulstow settes and ordeyne my will. My body to be buryd in the churche yerd of Fulstow with that the law wil to be in the name of my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln viij*d.* To our Ladyes warke iiij*d.* To the high auter of Fulstow xij*d.* To St. Laurence churche in Fulstow iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the churches of Marshechapell and Ludburgh. To Roger my son my indentur of my farmehold in Fulstow. To Henry my son my copy of Pynder House. To Thomas my son my fermehold in Marshechapell. To Heleyn, Alyson, Isabell and Jane my doughters. To William Putrell. The residue of my goodes I wyte and give to Roger my son and Henry my son, whome I make myn executours for to dispose for the helth of my soul; and Roger my broder and John Cowper to be supervisors to se that my wil be performed, and they to have for ther labor ij amblyng felys. To Roger my son my howse in the churche Thorp. Thies witnes, Sir Richard Raynold; Water Palmer; William Swyne; Robert Campson; with oder more.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1529.

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[1] From *A.*

[2] 'Jownye' in *A.*

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD SMYTH [OF SOUTH ORMSBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 209.]

25 September, 1529. I Richerd Smyth of Southormesby. My body to be buryed in the church of St. Leonerde of South Ormesby; wherfore I bequeth to the sayd churche vj*s.* viij*d.*, and my mortuary that the lawe will. I will that my executors cause on trentall of messys to be done in the [said] churche every yere dewryng the space of x yeres, and the prest to have for hys labor x*s.*; and on trentall in the church of Thedylthorp Helene in lyke maner dewryng the space of xij yeres for my soule and all my good frende soulys. I will that they kepe or cause to be kepyd every yere one menyng day for my soule and all crysten soulys with placebo, dirige and commendation, and a messe the day foloyng; and the parson or prest so doyng to have iiij*d.*, and one messe peny to be offeryd at messe, and ij*s.* to be waryd in brede and ale for the ryngers and pore people, by the space of xij yeres in the church of Ormesby. I will have every yere on serge of ij*li.* dewryng the sayd xij yeres to burne afore the sepulcer to the holy days be done, and aftyr afore the sacrament till it be spent. I will that my executors kepe or cause to be kepyd at Thedilthorp Helene on menyng day in maner as is at Ormesby dewryng the same yeres. I will have on serge every yere of ij powndes to burne afore St. Margaret [*folio* 209*d.*] in Ketsby churche dewryng the sayd xij yeres. I will that thes trentalls, menyng days and ij sergys be takyn of my landes yerly dewryng the noneage of my chyldren; and my wyffe to have the resydue of my landes dewryng the sayd noneage; and for more suerty I will that my syster stand seasyd to the use of thys my last will dewryng the noneage of my chyldren, and aftyr to the use of my ryght heyres. To the high alter of Ormesby ij*s.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.* I will that my executors cause iij messys to be sayd before our Lady in the mon' of Lincoln every yere iij yeres induryng; and iij messys before our Lady of Walsyngham, continuyng the space of iij yeres. To our Lady ther xij*d.* To our Lady in Boston xij*d.* I will that my executors cause iiij messys to be sayd at *Scala Celi* in our Lady Chapell in Boston. To the buyldyng of the stepill of Thedilthorp Helene iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the church warke of Calceby xij*d.* To either church of Swaby viij*d.* To the church warke of Ketisby xvj*d.*; in oblacion to St. Margaret xvj*d.* To the church warke of Tetford, Somersby, Bagenderby, Brynkill and Rukland. I will that my wyff have halffe my goodes; and my iij doughters Jane, Agnes and Margaret have halffe my housholde good ayenst ther mother, [etc.]. I will that Jane have the oxen that Mumby hase, and Agnes have the whyt bakkyd oxe and hys feloy, [etc.]. I will that yff any of the iij chylder dye or they cum to laufull age, her parte be devydyd emong the other too, and so furthe to the laste; and yff they all dye or eny of them cum to laufull age, I will that all ther partes be disposyd for my soule and all crysten soulys be my executors yff ether of them be a lyff, or ellys by the parson of Ormesby then

beyng. To Jenet my syster. To the alter of St. Leonerde in Ormesby on alter clothe. The resydew of my goodes I putt to the disposicion of Agnes my wyff and William Ireland to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all my frend soulys, whom I make my [*folio* 210] executors; and Mr William Skypwyth, the elder, supervisor. Thes wytnes, John Coke, parson; Sir Ric' Stapulforth, parysh prest; and Edmunde Alyn.

Proved before P., at Horncastr', 4 October, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix, reserving power to grant to William Ireland.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET MORELEY OF SOUTHELKYNGTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 151.]

28 September, 1529. I Margaret Morley. My body to be buryed by my husband in the church of Southelkyngton. I wyll that my husband wyll be fulfyllyd of hys thyrd parte. Also I wyll that my wyll be fulfyllyd and it may be borne. I wytt to our Lady of Lincoln vj*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln vj*d*. I wytt to the hygh alter of Sowthelkyngton iiij*d*. To All Halloys of the same chyrch viij*d*. To the same church warke xij*d*. I wytt to Robert Bekeryng, my sone, xx*s*. that I owe hym. To Ric' Moreley, my sone. To Jane my doughtter. I wytt to my doughter, Alice Moreley. I wytt to my doughtter, Isabell Moreley. I wytt to my doughtter, Paronell Moreley. I wytt to Thomas Moreley, my sonne. I wytt to Jane Morelay, Alice Moreley, Isabell Morelay and Paronell Morelay all my houshold stuff to devyde emong them, [etc.]. To John Morelay. I wyt to John Bekeryng. I wyll that my scheperd have hys wage trewly, and xv*s*. that he toke me to kepe. The resydue of my goodes I wyll be devydyd in ij partes, on parte to fynde the house to mayday and saw the sede, and the other parte to bryng me to the grounde and ij trentallys to be done for me and my husband. I wyll that John Bekeryng and Robert Bekeryng be my executors, and that my brother, William Hubbylthorne, and John Bloxholme helpe them; also that Sir Ric' Gray be oversear. [*folio* 151*d*.] Thes men beryng recorde, Robert Wytton, the elder; Thomas Hall; and Thomas Elles.

Proved before P., at Louth, 6 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BUSCHE OF SYBSEY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 148*d*.]

6 October, 1529. I Richerd Busche off Sybsey. To Henry Thaker and Steven hys sone. To Ric' Bowyn, my godsun. To Thomas Rysyll. To Agnes my wyff iij kye and a doune mare and all the hustylment of my house. To Agnes my wyff my house in Sybsey the terme of her lyff, and she to kepe the forsayd house in good and sufficient reperell; [remainder] to Steven my broder, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to the next of the blode. Also I wyll ther be ij trentallys done in the chyrch of

Sybsay for my soule and for my granfather. All other thynges not wytt nor bequest, I bequeth to Steven Bushe, my broder, whome I make my executor to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes wyttnesses, Robert Bushe of Sybsey; Henry Thaker; and John Clerke; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 8 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BUGGE [OF LONG LEADENHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *ff.* 208*d.*, 187[1].]

8 October, 1529. I John Bugge, seke the body [*sic*]. My body to be buryed in the churche of saynt Swythune of Longledham, and my best beast to be my mortuary, as the custome is. To the high alter for forgottyn tithys ij*s.* To bying off a portys vj*s.* viij*d.* To the upholdyng of the bellys iij*s.* iiij*d.* I bequeath iij seame of barly to the church of Longledenham. I bequeth too kye to the church off Longledenham, and the church wardens to kepe yerly a dirige and a messe for my soule of the increase of thos ij kye. To every chylde in the towne at the day of my buryall j*d.* To every cotege in the towne a hope malte. To the gylde of Fulbeke halffe a seame barly. To Cathorp gylde halffe a seame barly. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln ych of them a stryke [*folio* 187[1]] barly. To Richerd Kente, my wyff sonne. To Isabell my eldest doughter. To Elizabeth my yongest doughter. I make my wyff executrix; and John Kyrton, John Newcum and Edmund Newcum the supervysors. By thes wytnes, Robert Landesdale; and John Knyght; with other moy. To John Wodeshend of Welborne a rosyt cote with a worstyd dooblyt.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BUSCHE OF SYBSEY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 148*d.*]

8 October, 1529. I John Busche of Sybsey. To Henry West a nox calffe, and to Agnes my syster a fleckyd calffe, and to Margaret West a stere borlyng. To Catheryne my doughter. To Alice my wyff my house and landes with in the towne and feldes of Sybsey the terme of hyr lyff, [*folio* 149] excepte a ryg lying in the south fen landes, and that I will it be solde and disposyd for the love of God and my soule; [remainder] to Catheryne my doughter and to the heyres of her body; [remainder to be sold by] Thomas Bushe, my brother, Richerd Bushe, and William Porter and to be devydyd equally emonges them. I make Alice my wyff executrix. The resydue of my goodes I putt them to her disposicion for the welth of my soule. In wytnes heroff, Thomas Weste, the elder; William Porter; and Thomas Bushe, the yonger.

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[1] Part of the will has been bound up into an earlier part of the volume.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 8 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT HOGESON [OF LONG LEADENHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 187*d.*]

8 October, 1529. I Robert Hodgeson. [*folio* 188] My body to be buryed in the parysh churche or churchyerde of Longledenham. And my best qwyk beaste to be my mortuary. To the mother holy church warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the high alter of Ledenham for tithys forgotten negligently xij*d.* To the high alter of Hougham xx*d.* To the high alter of Marston viij*d.* To the bellys of Longledenham iiij*d.* To Thomas my eldest sonne vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, and to John my sonne, William my sonne and Luce my doughter v*l.* [apiece]; and yff any of them dye before the age of xiiij yeres, [etc.]. Resydewe of my goodes unto Isabell my wyff for to dispose for the helthe of my soule; and I make her with Thomas my sonne my executors, and Thomas Rygges and Thomas Key of Ledenham supervisors. To the church of Ledenham a kowe and a qwye which I wyll be let unto the use and profyt of the churche, so that the churche wardens for the tyme beyng do kepe yerly on obbit for ever for the soulys of the sayd Robert and Isabell hys wyff and all ther chyldren soulys and all crystyn soulys, wich obbyt I will shall extende to the valewe of ij*s.* Wytnes, Sir Ric' Frere; William More; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 13 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RALPH LANDESDALE OF LEDENHAM.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 155*d.*]

15 October, 1529. I Raff Landesdayll. My body to be buryd in Lednam in the church of saynt Swythune before our Lady off Pytty, and my best good to be my mortuary. To the hygh alter vj*d.* Also x*s.* to fynd a lyght before our Lady of Pytty, and ij pownde of wax to be delyveryd withall. To the bellys viij*d.* To our Lady gylde xij*d.* To saynt John gylde of Fulbek xij*d.* To the Trinite gylde of Sleford vj*d.*, and saynt Xp'ofer gylde [*folio* 156] vj*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d.* To the iiij orders of Frerys eche on of them vj*d.* To frer George, Blak Frere, xij*d.* To my sonne Danne Hugh vj*s.* viij*d.* To Sir Thomas Cotysforth. To Robert Trotter. I bequeth my sone John Landesdale halffe my schepe wyth hys mother. x*s.* to frere William Whythe to say a trentall for my soule. The rest off my goodes to my wyff; she to be my hole executrix; and frere William Wyth my supervisor. Wytnes herof, Thomas Rygges; John Fysher; and William Gardoys.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 13 May, 1530. Admin. granted, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR JOHN PATRYK OF SYBSEY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 170.]

20 October, 1529. I Sir John Patryk, the vicar of Sybsay, makyth thys my will and testament. My body to be buryed in the church of Saynt Margaret of Sybsay in the qwere. I bequeth a taper of wax to burne afore the Sacrament in Sybsay in the servys tyme. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hygh alter ther a chales vj*s.* viij*d.* To the rode xij*d.*, and to the olde rode ij*s.* To our Lady gylde xij*d.*, and to saynt John Baptist a prykket of wax. To Robert Westeby, my syster sonne, all my housyng and landes within the towne and feldes of Barton. To Catheryne, Jenet and Agnes Vnderwood. To Margaret Preston. To Thomas Patryk. To Henry West and to Thomas Weste all my wood and rede. Also I wyll that bredren [*sic*] have shyfte betwix them all the reste of my raiment. The rest of my goodes to Henry Patryk and to Jamys Patryk, my breder, whome I make my executors to dispose for the well of my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes men wytnesses, Henry Weste ; Thomas Weste ; William Mason ; John Fysher ; John Clerke ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Feryby, 22 June, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. SYMSON [OF SPALDING, BUTCHER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 101.]

1529. I William Symson of Spaldyng, bocher. To Edmunde Symson, my eldest sonne, my best horse aftyr my mortuary be takyn. To John Symson and Frauncys Symson, my sonnes. [*folio* 101*d.*] To Alice Symson, my wyff, my house that I dwell in duryng hyr lyff ; [remainder] to Edmunde Symson, my eldest sonne, to hym and to hys heyres of hys body ; [remainder] to hys bretherne, ichone to be other heyres yff any of them dy with owt heyres of ther bodyes. I will that, aftyr the decease of Alice Symson my wyff, my horsemylne be solde and the money departyd betwene my ij doughters ; and yff it fortune that they departe or they cum to laufull age, then I will that the money that the mylne shall be sold for that a honest priest shall syng for me and for Alice my wyff and for all our good frendes as long as the money will extend. The resydew of my goodes and catall I gyff to Alice Symson, my wyff, and to Edmund Symson, my sonne, whome I orden executors ; they to pay my dettes and to bryng me home as they thynk best for the helth of my soule. Also I will that John Priest be my supervisor to see that thes thynges be done. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Richerd Bell, curet ; Robert Parker ; John Morley ; John Michell ; and Thomas Symson ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spaldyng, 26 October, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT DOBBYNG OF FLETE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 183.]

29 October, 1529. I Robert Dobbyng of Flete. To Johanne my doughter my best brasse pott and panne the wich was myne before I maryed thys my last wyff, [etc.]. To Alice my doughter. To Grace my wyff all my houses and landes lying in Flete and Holbeche the terme of her lyff; [remainder] to my chyldren and to ther heyres; and they all dy with in age, or wythowt heyres of ther bodys, then I will it shalbe solde and disposyd with in the church of Flete in prayers [*folio* 183*d.*] and other warkes necessary. The resydue of my goodes to Grace my wyff, whome I make my executrix to dispose for the helth of my soule and all good crysten soulys; and Thomas Haltofte to be supervisor. Wittnes, William Thaker; John Wardell; and Thomas Cüer.

Proved before P., at Spalding, 22 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD COPSEY [OF HUMBERSTONE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 188*d.*]

10 November, 1529. I Richerd Copsey of Humberston. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of saynt Peter in Humberston. My best good to be my mortuary. To my parysh church xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, di' acr' wheyt, di' acr' beanys. To our mother church of Lincoln x*d.*, and to the high alter x*d.* To the abbey of Welloy on cowe that I had of John Musterluff. To my gostly father xij*d.* I will on trentall of messys be song in my parysh churche for the welthe of my soule. To my lorde abbot of Humbreston, yff he bury me, v*s.* To Robert Copsey, my sone, xx*s.*, and on sprose chyst. To Johanne Tayller, my doughter, xxvj*s.* viij*d.* [*folio* 189] To Thomas Copsey, my sone, all the landes I have of Henry Copsey by indentur, payng to the abbot of Humbreston owt rent xvj*s.* To Beatrix my wyff the house of the grene with the purtenaunces that I had of Henry Copsey, payng owt rent to the abbot of Humbreston viij*d.*, duryng the terme of her lyff, and aftyr her I will it remayn to Thomas Copsey and hys heyres. I gyff every godbarne I have iiij*d.* The resydewe of my goodes to Beatrix my wyff, whome I make executrix, to dispose them as she thynkes best. I orden Thomas my sone to be the supervisor. These witness, Sir Thomas Vnderhill, vicar; Thomas Tayllor; William Dykson; John Browne; and William Marchaunte; with others.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 5 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WARNER OF KYRTON [IN HOLLAND, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 182.]

11 November, 1529. I John Warner of the towne of Kyrton in Holland, husbandman, [*folio* 182*d.*] makes my testament, concludyng

with my last will. My body to be buryed with in the churchyerd of the holy apostylls Peter and Paule in Kyrton, with my mortuary aftyr the custome of the towne. To the hygh alter of Kyrton for forgottyn tithys iiij*d*. To saynt Mary alter and the Trinitie alter in the same church ij*d*. [apiece]. To our mother chyrch of Lincoln ij*d*. To the fatherles chylder at saynt Catheryns with owt the wallys of Lincoln ij*d*. To Jenet my wyff iiij acres lande with the buyldyng upon it, lying at the crose in Kyrton Skeldyke, duryng hyr lyff. Also I will that Jenet my wyff, or ellys hyr husband hereafter beyng, yff it be for ther proffet, to brek up the forsayd lande so mych as they may sawe iij fryndyls hempsede apon ; and yff she, or her husband at that tyme beyng, do breke up any more than to sawe the forsayd iij fryndyls hempsede, then I will that William my sun have halff wyth them ; [remainder] to William my sun, the wich I ordyn to be my hare. To Johan my wyff ij acr' lande and on stong lying in Bucholefelde, callyd Wynshome and Hobarte Hurne, and halff acr' lying by Bucholegate stygh, duryng her lyff ; and aftyr her decease thys parsellys to remane to Wylliam my sone. To William my sun on acr' land callyd Grenegarth, iij stonges and di. a stong callyd Smaldyk, hys parte of iij stonges lying in Rownson Hedic, xx*d*. by the yere lying in Hall Ware, xviij*d*. marche, halff a stonge lying in Sedecroftes, and di. a stong lying at the Mylnehyll ; and he shall enter ij acr' of the forsayd land that is hys parte at Mayday nexte foloyng, and the other parsellys to remane in the handes of hys moder to the tyme that he be of the age of xix yeres. To Thomas my sun on acr' callyd Berrygrene, on acr' and di. callyd Dychove lying at the Sedyc, ij acr' callyd Rovdyc, halff acr' callyd Brodgate, an halffe acr' buttyng of ij acr' at Rovdyc, on stong lying at Westeflete, and halff [*folio* 183] a stong lying in the same place ; and I will that he shall have vj*s*. viij*d*. at the age of xxty yeres, and the parcelles of lande to remane in the handes of hys mother to that he cum to the age of xxj yeres. To William my sone ij acres land callyd Long-grenys, lying at the olde Sedykes, and he to enter at the age of xxj yeres. To Thomas my sone on stong grounde lying in Lekehove and he to enter at the age of xxjty yere. The resydue of my goodes to Johanne my wyff, the wich I orden to be my executrix to dispose my goodes to the most honor of God and for the helth of my soule and all my good frendes soulys ; and Alan Heland oversear. Thyes wytnesses, John Dayell ; Michell Perry ; Robert Yonge ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 21 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT RAYNTON [OF WASHINGBOROUGH, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 105.]

23 November, 1529. I Robert Raynton of Whashyngburgh, husbanman, seke in body. My body to be buryed in the parysh

church of saynt John Evaungelyst in Whashyngburgh. I bequeth my best beste for my mortuary, as custome is. To the church warkes of the sayd church xx*s.*, and to the hygh alter for my tithe forgotten vj*s.* viij*d.* To the church warkes of the cathedrall church of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the church warkes of Canwyk xij*d.*, and of Braunceton xij*d.* I wyll ther be a prest ordenyd to syng and pray for my soule and all crysten soulys in the parysh church of Washyngburgh the space of on hole yere next aftyr my decease, and he to have for hys stipend v*l.* vj*s.* viij*d.* To every on of the iiij closters of frerys in Lincoln vj*s.* viij*d.* I will that Helene my wyff have all my goodes and catalles that she brought unto me at hyr mariage, and [*folio* 105*d.*] in redy mony of my goodes xx*l.* To Robert Pale my house in wich I dwell in, and a close at the town ende of Washyngburgh, with all the landes and medoys lying with in the town and feldes of Whashyngburgh to the sayd house belongyng ; and my lyttyll house with the hempe grounde to the same belongyng, as it lyith in Whashyngburgh. To Thomas Halvester my house that William Peirson dwellyth in, wyth the Hall garthe in Washyngburgh ; also my house at the Wellys as it standyth ther in Whashyngburgh. To Robert Raynton, my cosyn, my water in Whashyngburgh, callyd the Noble water, with all that grounde fyshyng and all the hole appurtenaunces ; also all the dettes and demandes that he owyth me. To Isabell, Agnes and Collecte, my doughters chylder, to every on of them xl*s.* To Robert Raynton, my godson. To Anne Raynton, my goddoughter. To every on of my other godchylder. To William Raynton, my cosyn. To Sir Robert Torner, my gostly father. To Alice Bolton. To Thomas Archer my syde coot. To my awnt Archer. To Robert Archer my towney worstyt dooblyt. Resydue of my goodes to Helene my wyff, Robert Pale and Thomas Halvester, whome I orden executors to dispose them for the helthe of my soule, by the oversight of Edmund Hunt, gentilman, whome I orden supervisor. Thyes wytnessyng, John Bolles, gent. ; Sir Robert Turner, my gostly father ; Thomas Archer, Robert Archer, John Bugworthe, and Ric' Braunceton of Whashyngburgh, husbandmen ; wyth many other moo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 3 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Robert Jolyff of Tetney.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 165.]

27 November, 1529. I Robert Jolyff of Tetney, seyng my selff in the peryl of death, [etc.]. I wyt my soule, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of the appostells Peter and Pall of Tetney, and my best beast to be gyffyn in the name of my mortuary, as custome is. I wyt and bequeth unto the high alter vj*d.* I wyt and bequeth to our Lady of Lincoln warke vj*d.* I wyt to Dye Jolyff. I wytt to Robert Brig. The resydue of my goodes I wytt to Awdre my wyff, the wich I make executrix. Thes wytnes, Sir

Ric' Butler, the vicar of Tetney; William Jolyff; and John Sowgryfte.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 5 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT KYRTON [OF LONG LEADENHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 187.]

4 December, 1529. I Robert Kyrton, seke the body, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Swythune of Longdedenham [*sic*], and my best beast to be my mortuary, as the custome is. I gyff for a trentall x*s*., and to be sayd for me in Longledham church within a yere, when it shall please my wyff. I gyff for forgottyn tithys to the high alter xij*d*. I gyff to a grale boke bying iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the reparacions of the bellys iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln ich of them xij*d*. To John Wate. To Cecile Boredale. To my doughter Anabyll all my frelandes, and the copy holde of St. John indewryng my yeres. I make my wyff Jenet my executrix. Also I make John Fysher the supervisor. By thes wytnes, Robert Landesdale; and John Wate; with moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WARDE OF NORTHRAWCEBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 169*d*.]

4 December, 1529. I Thomas Warde of Northrawsby, seke in body. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Peter in Northe Rawsby. I bequeth my best beaste to be my mortuary, aftyr the custome of the contre. To the hyghe alter xl*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To the church of North Rawceby xx*s*. To the chapell of Sowth Rawceby xvj*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys every order a stryke of barly. To the hygh ways xx*d*. To Walter my sonne all my lande, and v pownde in money, and he or wo soever shall have the sayd land in Sowthrawceby shall gyff ij*s*. iiij*d*. to kepe on obbyt for ever for me and my wyff and Walter Bate and Jenet. To John my sonne. To Isabell my doughter. To Thomas Foster. To everychon of my godchylder. To John Bate my russyt cote. To Thomas Bate my horrege cote. To the vicar of Rawceby. To Sir Henry.[1] To Marget Redy. To John my servand. Resydew of goodes to William Thomson, William Powtrell and Robert Bate, whome I orden executors. Thes wytnes, Sir William Styrley, vic'; Sir Henry Edward[1]; William Powtrell; Robert Bate; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 June, 1530. Admin. granted to William Powtrell and Robert Bate, reserving power to grant to William Thomson.

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[1] Sir Henry Edward was curate of Rauceby in 1526 (*Subsidy, 1526*, p. 76).

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY HALL OF BURGH IN THE MARSH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 148.]

20 December, 1529. I Henry Hall, of Burgh in the Marsh. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Peter in Burghe, and that as the law will to be my mortuary. I will that the proffyttes and renewynges that shall cum and ryse of v acres pastr' land lying in the sowth comen of Burgh for x yeres next aftyr my dethe remane in my executors handes to the use of Mary my doughter to have them to hyr mariage or when she shall be at the age of mariage ; and for other x yeres I will that the profettes be evenly devydyd betwene my wyff and Thomas my sone ; and [thereafter] I gyff the v acres to Laurence my sone to hym and hys heyres for ever ; and if he dy before it cum to hym, I gyff them to Thomas my sone, acordyng to my granfather will. To our Lady alter of Lincoln xij*d.* To the nonnys of Bullyngton xij*d.* To the reparacions of saynt Peter church in Burgh vj*s.* viij*d.* To Thomas my sone. when he is xvj yeres olde, xx*s.* to by a wayne, [etc.]. To ychan of my chylder a materys, [etc.]. To Laurence my sone x schepe when he is att the age off xvj yeres. To my moder in law. To Jenet Magnus. To Elizabeth Carter. I will that ther shalbe on trentall of masses sayd in saynt Peter church for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys. The resydue of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of Margaret my wyff to fyndyng of my chylder, whome I make executrix, provydyd alway that she be rewlyd and gydyd by the counsell of Sir Thomas Jordan, vicar, whome I make supervisor, and helper to my wyff. Testibus, Johanne Pechyll, capellano ; Will'mo Rysyll ; Xp'ofero Wythyng ; Johanne Thomson ; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 8 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MARSHALL [OF BRANDON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 188. *Translated from the Latin.*]

21 December, 1529. I John Marshall of Brandon. [*folio* 188*d.*] My body to be buried in the churchyard of the parish church of St. Rumbald of Hogh. To the fabric of the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the high altar of Hough for my tithes forgotten iiij*d.* To the church of Hough xij*d.* To the chapel of Brandon xij*d.* To the chapel of Gelston xij*d.* To the chapel of St. Rumbald viij*d.* To each of my sons and daughters a cow. To my son Hugh, when he shall have come to man's (*humanum*) estate, xj*s.* viij*d.* of my tenements yearly for his life. To the convent of the brethren of the blessed Mary of Lincoln, a peck of barley. To Margaret my wife all my lands and tenements descending to me by hereditary right, until the lawful age of Miles my eldest son. Residue to my wife, whom I make my executrix. Witnesses, Hugh Burdhed ; William Andrewe ; Robert Sarsyn ; John Braculby ;

John Earley; Thomas Dey, vicar; and others. Supervisors, Thomas Dey, vicar, and Thomas Ash.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MORREELL OF HALTON [HOLEGATE], GENTLEMAN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 181.]

21 December, 1529. I Thomas Moreell of Halton, gentylman. I wyt my soule, [etc]. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Andrew in Halton forsayd, and a kowe to be my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln warkes xij*d.* I witt to the hy alter in Halton for tythys forgotten vj*d.*; and to the bellys xx*d.* I wytt to the same church to the anornamentes of our Lady alter viij*d.*; to the Trinity alter v*d.* To the anornamentes of the roode in Halton xij*d.* I wytt to the reparacions of the kyrkes of Scremby, Candelsby, Gunby, Erby, Asby, Skegnes, Borugh, Salfletby callyd All Hallow, to every on of theys xij*d.* To Agnes my doughter my house in Halton with all the hole appurtenaunces with in the towne and feldes of Halton, wich I bought of Robert Red, for hyr lyff; [remainder] to William Langer, sone of Ric' Langer and of the sayd Agnes, hys wyff, my doughter, of Halton; [remainder] yff it fortune the forsayd William to decease before the sayd Agnes, hys moder, to be solde be my executors and disposyd in dedes off charite for my soule and all my frendes soulys. The resydue of my goodes not gyffyn nor wytt I gyff to Agnes my doughter for to dispose as she will. And I orden and make my executors Ric' Langer and Agnes hys wyff, and John Etton of Borwell, esqwyer, to be supervysor. Thyes wytnesses, Sir John Syke; Robert Elton; John Toly; with oder mo.

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THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WAYNFLET OF STYKFORTH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 149.]

1 January, 1529. I John Waynflet of Stykforth. To Margaret my wyff my house that I dwell in wyth the closse therto belongyng, kepyng the reparacions, the terme of her lyff; [remainder] to Thomas my sonne and Crysten hys wyff and to ther heyres of ther bodys evermore. To the forsayd Thomas and Cristen hys wyff all my other landes, lying within the towne and feldes of Stykforthe and Westerkell, to them and to ther heyres for ever of ther bodys. I wyll that the sayd Thomas pay xiij*d.* upon every Good Fryday emonges pore folkes afore nonne within the parysh of Stykforth, and the xiij*d.* to be taken of my gret land arabyll lying in the south felde of Stykforthe for evermore. And yff it happen the forsayd Thomas my sone to play or wedset or intermysse to sell the forsayd land, that then I will that the kyrkemasters of Stykforth then beyng that they take all thes landes beforesayd, and sell them to the most

proffyt of the forsayd church. And yff it so happen that Thomas and hys wyff dye with owt heyres of ther bodys, then I [*folio* 149*d.*] will that all the [premises] remane holy to the chyrche aforesayd to be solde and disposyd to the best use for the helth of my soule. To Margaret my wyff all her awn houshold stuff which she brought with her. The resydue of my goodes to Thomas my sonne and John Parlebayn, whome I make my executors that they dispose for the helth of my soule. Also I will that Thomas my sonne and hys wyff have my lathe at ther pleasure with owt eny vexacion or troble. Thyes men beyng wytnes, Mr John Kyem, the elder; Sir John Poteryll; Thomas Johnson; John Obynson; Sir Robert Wryght; John Javytson; with others.

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THE TESTAMENT OF RALPH HOBSTER OF FRESTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 184*d.*]

8 January, 1529. I Rafe Hobster of Freston makes my testament, concluding in it my last will. [*folio* 185] To John Sylam. To ich of my doughters chylder. To Agnes my wyff all my moveable goodes not gyffyn for hyr lyff; and aftyr her decease I gyff to Agnes my doughter the homested to hyr and to the heyres of hyr body; [remainder] to my too doughters Alice and Cecill and to ther heyres of ther bodys; [remainder] to Alice Hobster, my sunys doughter; and aftyr her decease and her heyres of her body, and for lak of suche issue, then to remane to John Sylam and to the heyres of hys body. To Cecill my doughter v stong land in Tadcrofte felde in fe symple. To Alice my doughter vij stong land in Tadcrofte felde, callyd Kyrkbutt, in fe simple. To John Sylam on acr' of land at Barnay Pyttes, called Mollrygge, and to hys heyres of hys body; [remainder] to the ryght heyres agane. To William Hobson my copy hold land to hym and hys assygnes. The resydue of my goodes I gyff to Thomas Rumfer and William Hobson, whome I do orden my executors to dispose for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys. Thes beyng wytnes, Peter Ben; Rafe Swyfte; and John Ben; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 23 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS ELY OF THEDILTHORP [ALL SAINTS].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 106.]

10 January, 1529. I Thomas Ely of Tethilthorp in the parishe of Alhallowes. My body to be buryed within my parishe churche; and in the name of my mortuary the thyng that the law gyveth or asketh. To the high awter of my parishe churche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the hed hallow in the same churche xij*d.*; to the image of our Lady standyng at the south side of the high awter xij*d.*; to the crosse ij pownde of wex; to the rode xx*d.*; to the sepulchre iiij lib' of wex;

to the belles ij*s*. To the same churche vj*s*. viij*d*. To the parishe churche of St. Heleyn of Thedilthorp ix*s*. vj*d*. To the sacrement in the same xij*d*. To our moder churche of Lincoln xv*d*. To Heleyn and Agnes my doughters xx*l*. [apiece]. I wil that the above named Heleyn and Agnes be put in an abbey to lerne, and either of theym to be there the space of halfe a yere, and to be founde at my costes duryng the forsaid space. I will all my howsehold stuf to be devided to my iij children, John Ely, my sone, Heleyn and Agnes my ij doughters. To Joane and Margaret my doughters v markes [apiece]. I will that a prest shalbe hyered to syng for my soule, my wif soule and all cristen soules the space of a yere, and he to have to his wage viij markes. To John my sone all such landes as I have lyeng in the towne [*sic*] of Thedilthorp and Salfletby, to hym, his heyres and assignes, that is to say, the mansion that I dwell uppon, and the appurtenaunces [*folio* 106*d*.] that longes therto, that is to say, as pastur, medow and arrable landes leyng within the same towne and felde of Thedilthorp and Salfletby, excepte v stong of pasture leyng in the pasture called Lee Clos bitwext the landes of Thom's Massingberd, esquyer, and the landes of Thomas Puttrell, yeman, now in the holdyng of the forsaid Thom' Puttrell, for the whiche v stong of lande I charge the abovenamed John my sone, his heyres and his assignes, to cause a yerly obit to be done in my parishe churche with all the some that cometh yerly of the forsaid land clere, for my soule, my wif soule and all cristien soules. The residue of my goodes not bequethed I give to John my sone, whome I make my true executour, and Sir Will'm White to be the supervisour. Thies witnes, Sir Nicholas Boner, Syr Will'm Marche, prestes; Thomas Collynson; with oder more.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 12 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM RED OF HARMESTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 156*d*.]

13 January, 1529. I Wylliam Red off Harmeston. My body to be buryed in the kyrk yerd of All Halows in Harmeston. I bequeth in the name of my mortuary aftyr the custome of the cuntre. To the hygh alter xij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln warke xij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys every on of them on stryke of barly. To Hykham kyrke xij*d*. To Awbur kyrke warke xij*d*. To Robert Red. To John Red iij*s*. iiij*d*. that he layd furth to hys mother beryng. To Jenet Clerk. I bequeth the thurde parte of my goodes to Thomas Rose, Thomas Rede, William Red, Agnes Rose, Luce Rose and Elizabeth Red my chylder and my wyff chylder. To John Rose. The resydue off my goodes to my wyff, whome I make executrice, to dispose for the helth off my soule and to bryng up my chyldren wyth all. I wyll that William Clerke be supervysor. Wytnes heroff, Sir Lenarde Dycson; Wylliam Clerke; Thomas Stanley; Wylliam Atkynson; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 29 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BYRALL, [CURATE OF FISHTOFT[1]].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 369.]

20 January, 1529. I Sir Robert Byrall of Tofte. To be buryed in the high qwere before St. Guthlak. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To St. Catheryns viij*d.* To every gylde within Tofte churche iiij*d.* To Richerd Bryges, Mary Bryges, Ane Benet, and George Sherpe [*folio* 369*d.*] at their [respective] ages of xxty yeres; and yff one of thes dicesse or they cum at the sayd age, then I will that that thynges gyffyn be solde be my executors, and the money so takyn to be disposyd for my soule within the parysh churche of Tofte. The resydew off my goodes I will that Mr Thomlynson of Boston and Mr Paynell shall prays them and sell them to the best, and the money so takyn then, my dettes payd, my hostys to have vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, Mr Thomlynson xx*s.* and Mr Panell xl*s.*; and the rest of my goodes I will that a prest shall syng for my soule, my father and mother and all other my frendes and all crysten soulys, the one halffe within the church of Tofte and the other halffe within the church of Byllyngay wher my frendes lye; and thys to be done be the good advyse of Mr Thomlynson and Mr Paynell, whome I make my executors. In wytnes herof I have scribyd thys with my nawne hande, per me Robertum Byrall, presbiterum.

Proved before P., at Wyberton, 10 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BOSYER [OF BRAYTOFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 213.]

26 January, 1529. I Thomas Bosyer of Bratofte, beyng seke in body. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of St. Peter and Pall the appostelles in Braytofte. I gyff that the law will in the name of my mortuary. To the sacrament in Braytofte church for tithys forgottyn xx*d.* To the church warke in Braytofte vj*s.* viij*d.* To the church warke in Halton xij*d.* To our Lady alter in Lincoln vj*d.* To our Lady warkes vj*d.* To St. Hugh hede xij*d.* I will have on prest to sing on yere at Braytofte and a nother yere at Parteney for my soule and all crysten soulys. To Margaret my doughter x*l.*, and sche and that money to be at the order of my frend, Rawff Grene, provydyd that yff she dye with in the age of xvj yeres, then I will have a prest to syng at Dryby and Parteney for the forsayd x*l.*, and the same money and prestes to be at the order of my wyff and Thomas Grene. To Thomas Sparke xl*s.* at the age of xxty yeres, and yff he dye with in that age, then I will have a prest to sing at Braytofte with the same money. To the iiij orders of frerys in Boston every order of them xx*d.* I wytt to Thomas Grene xx*s.* that he may helpe my wyff when she shall have nede. To Rawff Grene xx*s.* that he may be supervisor. I wyt to Mr Hugh Braytofte a yerde and di' of carsey. To Sir John Vero my hynger with the knyffes and gyrdell. To Robert Grene my best cote. To

[1] *Subsidy*, 1526, p. 66.

Roger Stevynson. To Richerd Chapman a frese cote and a dooblet. To Thomas Chapman a jyrkyn and a dooblet. To Henry Caleby. To Robert Sparke my kendall cote. To Thomas Warde. To[*folio* 213*d.*] Thomas Compton a chamlet jerkyn and a sleffeles cote and a pare of whyte hose. To John Cowper. To Agnes Sparke. I will that every man, woman and chylde that ar at my buryall shall have j*d.* The resydewe of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Wytnes, Sir John Vero, curat; John Spens'; John Franche; Mr Jamys Pake; William Vero; Henry Kelby; Roger Stevynson.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYLSON OF BYLLYNGAY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 155.]

5 February, 1529. I John Wylson of the parysh of Billyngay. My body to be buryed in the kyrkeyerd of saynt Androy the appostyll off Byllyngay. To the hygh alter for tithes forgotten xij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the reparacions of Byllyngay kyrke xij*d.* To Sir John my gostly father iiij*d.* To Thomas Herde, my godsun. To John Nicolson. To Gylbert Crawthorne, my godsun. To Thomas Crawthorne. The resydue of my goodes to Alyson my wyff and Gylbert Crawthorne, my sonne, whome I make executors. And for the supervisor I make Thomas Swanne of Sowthkyme. Thes wytnes, Sir Thomas Lytster, vicar of Billyngay; Sir John, the parysh prest; John Muston, parysh clerk; John Nicolson, smyth; Alexander Hall; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Naneby, 29 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD RABDYK OF TOFTE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 184*d.*]

13 February, 1529. I Richerd Rabdyk of the parysh of saynt Guthlak of Tofte. To Jenet my wyff my house with iij acres and di' of past'r hunder the sayd house dewryng hyr lyff; also on acr' and di' of arable land lying in the south felde; the acr' lyith in a place callyd Flamund, and the halff acr' lyeth at my past'r end, the terme of her lyff; also my copy hold landes the terme of her lyff; and after her decease I will that Laurence my sonne have all my sayd copy hold landes, and that Richerd my sone have my sayd house with iij acres and a halff of past'r, to hym and to hys heyres and hys assygnes, upon thys condicion, that the sayd Ric' shall pay to William my sone after the decease of hys mother xl*s.* To the sayd Ric' on acr' and di' of arable land lying in the southfelde, to hym and to hys heyres and assygnes. The resydue of my goodes not gyffyn I gyff to Jenet my wyff, whome I orden executrice that she shall pay my dettes and legaces for the helthe of my soule and all my good frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. Thyes beyng wytnesses, Dave Kneuyt; Sir Robert Byrall; and Sir Thomas Banester; with other moy.

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THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BEVERLAY [OF ELSHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 189*d.*]

14 February, 1529. I John Beuerlay of Ellesham. My body to be buryed in the parysh church of Ellesham before the alter of saynt Nicholes, and my mortuary to be gyffyn aftyr the custome ther used. I wyt to our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* I wyt to the vicar of Ellesham for tithys forgotten xij*d.* I wyt to St. Peter gylde of Ellesham xij*d.* To our Lady gylde of Ellesham xij*d.* I wyll that the landes, rentes and tenementes, [etc.], the wich Catheryne Beuerlay had to her joynter dewryng her lyff, the valowe of the rentes of them on yere to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule, my father soule and my mother soule, that is to say, on trentall to be songe at the high alter in the parysh churche of Ellesham, and on trentall at saynt Nicholes alter, and the resydewe of the rentes to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule. [*folio* 190] Also I will the secund yer Catheryne Beuerlay next aftyr that have all the landes, [etc.], the valew of the rentes of them, dewryng the space off on yere. Also I wyll the thyrde yere next after that William Beuerlay have the valew of the rentes, and the forthe yer that John Beuerlay have the valewe of the rentes. And yff it happyn that eny of thes chyldren decease before the sayd legacyes be dewe unto them, than I will the forsayd landes, the rentes of them, evenly betwyxt them that be on lyff to be devydyd. I wyt to the prior and convent of Ellesham vj*s.* viij*d.*; and they to helpe to syng dirige and messe of Requiem; and every prest to syng messe of Requiem when my body shall be buryed; and William the novys have evyn lyke on preste of the forsayd money. The resydew of my goods I gyff to Edward Beuerlay, my sone, to dispose for the helthe of my soule as he will answer afore the high Juge of heven; and I will that he be my executor; and William Manby of Malteby be supervisor. Thes men wytnes, Sir John Whaplode, vicar; Richerd Sergeant; John Scotte; Henry Smyth; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 27 March, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD COKSON OF FRESTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 184.]

18 February, 1529. I Richerd Cokson of Freston, seke of body, make my testament and my last will. To Alice, Elizabeth and Cecill my doughters. To Isabell my wyff. To Thomas Cokson, my sone, at xvj yeres of age, iij acr' of lande lying in Haltoft, on acr' of medoy grounde lying in Shorte Storke Mayre, halff on acr' of arable land lying in Long Fenland, and to hys heyres of hys body. To John my sone, at sexten yeres of age, and to hys heyres of hys body on house lying at Cathorpe Crosse, and on acr' of medoy grounde lying by Fen Crofte syde. To William my sone, at xvj

yeres of age, on house lying in Cathorpe, and halff on acr' of medoy grounde lying aftyr Sande Gappe, and to hys heyres of hys body. Also I will yff any of my sayd sonys dy withowt such heyres, then that every on of them be other heyres; [remainder to] be sold and gyffyn to on able prest to syng in Freston chyrch for the soule of my grauntsyre, the soulys of my father and mother, my soule, my wyff soule and all crysten soulys. The resydew of my goodes to Isabell my wyff, whome I doy make my executrice to dispose for my soule and all crysten soulys. I wyll that Peter Butler be the supervisor of my will. Thyes beyng wytnes, William Ben; John Julyan; Richerd Foxe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 23 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN NEYFFE [OF MARKBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 302*d.*]

18 February, 1529. I John Neyffe of Markeby ordens and makythe my testament and last will. My body to be buryed in the parysh churche yerde of Markeby, and my best beest of all my catell to be my mortuary. To our Lady werke of Lincoln vj*d.* To the church warke of Hagworthyngham iiij*d.* To Hanney gylde vj*d.* To the high alter of Hagneby vj*d.* To the highe alter of Markeby for my tithys forgottyn vj*d.* To our Lady of Pety in the [*folio* 303] same churche ij*d.* To the towne altare of Markeby ij*d.* To the prior of Markeby viij*d.* To every canon preste within the monastery off Markeby iiij*d.* To every novys in the same monastery ij*d.* To the prior and convent of Markeby and to ther successors fowre rygges or buttes of lande lying in the est felde of Markeby betwyxt the lande of Wederwe and the lande of Mr Pare on the west syde, and jonyth on the way on the hygh way [*sic*] on the northe, for the wich iiij rygges I will that the forsayd prior and hys convent shall do a yerly obbyt for my soulys [*sic*] and all crysten soulys for evermore, as more playnly expressyd is [in] my last will annexyd to my dede of feoffement. To Emot my servant all such housholde stuff as comme by Catheryne my wyff and her kyn. All my other goodes I gyff them to the disposicion of Thomas Woode, Alan Swanne and Thomas Ingolmelles, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, John prior of Markeby; Sir William Waterman, curat ther; Thomas Woode; with certen other.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 11 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN THOMSON OF BRANDON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 152.]

18 February, 1529. I John Thomson of Brandon. My body to be beryd in the chyrch of Saynt Rumold of Hogh, and my best gude to be for my mortuary accordyng to the lawe and custome of the cuntre. To the auter for my forgoton tythys viij*d.* For my layrston in the chyrche of Hogh vj*s.* viij*d.* To saynt Rummold

chapyll xij*d.* To the chapill of saynt Lenard of Gelston xx*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the chapill of Brandon xl*d.* To Sir Renold,[1] curyt of Welburn, xl*d.* The resydew of my guddes I gyffe to Isabell my wyffe, whom I make my executrix. Thes witnes, John Pers; Milles Clarke; and Ric' Denham, prest; with other mo that was at the makyng of thys will.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD LANGER OF HALTON [HOLEGATE].
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 149*d.*]

23 February, 1529. I Richerd Langer of Halton makes this my last will and testament. I witt my soule, [etc.]. To Agnes my wyff all my landes and housyng within the sayd towne and feldes of Halton terme of her lyff; and aftyr her decease I will that [the premises] reverte to William my sonne; and yff he dy before Agnes hys moder, then I will that all the [premises] be at the dysposicion of the sayd Agnes to gyff and sell at her pleasure. The resydue of my goodes not wytt I gyff to Agnes my wyff, whome I orden my executrix, and John Etton of Borwell, esquyer, supervisor. Thes wytnes, Sir John Syke; and John Toly; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 8 March, 1529. Admin. granted, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT WYLKYNSON OF NORTHCOTES.
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 163*d.*]

28 February, 1529. I Robert Wylkynson of Northcotes. My body to be buryed in the chyrch yerd of St. Nicholes in Northcotes. I gyff the best cowe that I have to my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the highe alter of St. Nicholes of Northcotes ij*d.* I will have a trentall song for my father soule, my mother soule and myne in the church of Northcotes. To Laurence Wylkynson, my brother. To Thomas Stokes, my brother in lawe, a russet jaket. To Margaret my wyff the house that I wone in for the terme of my yeres, doyng her dewty to the lorde, Sir Wyll'm Askewghe, knyght. To the same Margaret on acr' of past'r grounde lying in a pasture callyd the Lyttyll Etlyng in Northecotes that I dyd hyre of Richerd Pankyll of Northcotes for vj yeres, payng yerly to him for rent, or hys assignes, xiiij*d.* The resydew of my goodes to Margaret Wylkynson, my wyff, whome I make my executor. I make Sir William Brader supervisor. Wytnes herof, Sir Will'm Brader; Richerd Glouer; Wyll'm Homlle[2]; Marget Wylkynson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 5 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

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[1] Probably Sir Reginald Wadington (cp. *Subsidy, 1526*, p. 75).
[2] The third letter is represented by three minims. Perhaps 'Hollme' is intended.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD PANCKYLL OF NORTHCOTES.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 163.]

3 March, 1529. I Richerd Panckyll of Northcotes. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of St. Nicholes in Northcotes. To Sir William Brader my done mare for my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln iiij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln warke ij*d.* To the high alter of St. Nicholes of Northcotes viij*d.* To Mary Magdeleyn in the same church a stawle of bees and a yow hogge. To the gyltyng of the rood lofte in the same church viij*d.* To Thomas Pankyll, my sone, a fardyng of lande after the decease of my wyff; and yff he dye withowt issue, that then it to remayn to John Panckyll, my sonne. To John Panckyll my sonne a yeryng qwy and a schepe. To Robert my sonne a stake calf, [etc.]. To Margaret and Agnes my doughtters each a lyne whele after the decease of my wyff, [etc.]. To John Pankyll my brother a russyt cote, a sherte, my best bonet, [etc.]. Resydue of my goodes not wytt nor gyffyn I gyff it to Jenet Pankyll my wyff, whome I make my executrix, she for to dispose for the helth and whele of my soule. And I make Thomas Bennet my supervisor. Wytnes, Sir William Brader; John Panckyll; Thomas Bennet; John Francys; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 5 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRAY OF WEST RASEN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 166.]

8 March, 1529. I John Gray, husbandman, of Westrasen. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of All Halloys in Westrasen, with my best good to be my mortuary. I wyt to the high alter of Westrasen viij*d.*, and to the wark viij*s.* To Myddyllrasen Tupholme church warke ij*s.* viij*d.*, and to the high alter viij*d.* To Myddyll Rasen Drax church warke ij*s.* viij*d.*, and to the high alter viij*d.* I wyt to our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d.* I wyt to the iiij orders of frerys, every order iiij*d.* I wyt to Sir William Lylle xij*d.* To every chylde that I have xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, that is to say William, John, Jenet, Isabell and Elizabeth. I wyt to Richerd Joland and to his doughtter, Anne Joland. The resydue of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, wich Agnes and William my sonne I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Sir William Lylle; John Lammyng; Thomas Norton; Robert Hanson; with many other moy. I will that Robert Johnson of Tevelby be the supervisor.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 27 May, 1530. Admin. granted, [etc.].

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SWYNE OF FULSTOWE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 175*d.*]

8 March, 1529. I John Swyne of Fulstowe, husbandman. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Fulstowe with that that lawe and custome requiryth to be my mortuary. To our Lady

warke of Lincoln x*d.* To the high alter of the same x*d.* To the high alter of Fulstowe xx*d.* I bequeth all my lande in Fulstowe and my evidence to Robert Bracebrige, John Greyne and Henry Walkerley for to sell and [*folio* 176] dispose on parte for my soule and my frende soulys to a prest for to syng for me and them in Fulstowe church halff a yere; and the resydewe to go to the reparacions of the steple. To the vicar of Fulstowe. To the sayd Henry Walkerley and the sayd vicar the barly in the lathe of Thomas Swyne. To Alice Scotte. To our Lady of Marchechapell iiij*d.* To saynt Bartholomew of Cowthorp iiij*d.* To the holy roode of Ludburgh iiij*d.* To saynt Margaret of Kettesby xij*d.* To St. John of Beuerley iiij*d.* The resydewe of my goods to Robert Bracebrig, John Grene and Henry Walkerley, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Richerd Ranolde, vic'; William Grene; Thomas Donam; Amors Brian; Alane Store; William Hill; and William Swyne; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 6 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Thomas Wetherhogge of Thoresway.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 154*d.*]

12 March, 1529. I Thomas Wetherhogge of Thoresway. My body to be buryd in the churchyerd of our blessyd Lady wythin Thoresway, wyth my dew mortuary. To the hygh alter of the same church xij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hygh alter ther iiij*d.* To John Wetherhogge the yonger. To Thomas, Jasper and William my sonnes. To John Wetherhog, the elder. To Elioner and Agnes my doughters. To Margaret Samesbery and Isabell equally betwene them xx*s.* To Agnes Samesbery xx*s.* I wyll have a trentall of messys done for my soule in the parysh church of Thoresway. The resydue of my goodes [*folio* 155] I will they be disposyd by Elizabeth my wyff and William Wetherhogge as they thynke best, whome I make executors. Thes wytnes, Richerd Dawson, prest; John Odlyn; John Cutt; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 24 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of John Crust of Barnabe.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 163*d.*]

13 March, 1529. I John Crust off Barnabe, consyderyng the febylnes of my body, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady in Barnabe. [*folio* 164] Also my mortuary to be payd after the maner of the contre. I wytt to the high alter of Barnabe iiij*d.* I wytt to our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.* I wytt to the chyrch of Barnabe xx*d.* To the Awstyn frerys of Grymesby x*d.* I wyt to the Grayfrerys of Gremisby x*d.* I wyt to John Crust. I wyt to George Crust ten schepe. I wyt to Helene Burne. I wyt to Catheryne Crust. The resydew of my goodes not wytt I gyff to

Maryon my wyff, whome I make my full executrice. Thes men beyng wytnes, Sir William Reghmond, vic'; Sir John Akynson [*sic*], vicar of Haburgh; and Robert Sharpe of Barnabe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castr', 4 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SMYTH [OF HONINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 253.]

14 March, 1529. I William Smyth of Honyngton, husbandman. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of St. Wylfryde of Honyngton. I gyff my best beaste to be my mortuary. To the high alter of Honyngton for tithys forgotten viij*d.* To our Lady warkes at Lincoln iiij*d.* To John Smyth, Thomas Smyth and Robert Smyth, my sonnes. To Alice Smyth and Agnes my doughters. To John Barcotes. The resydewe of my goodes to Alice my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes wytnes, John Barcotes; John Swanne; and Sir Alex' Mannyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Grantham, 22 September, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM MEWSON [OF CANDLESBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 211*d.*]

17 March, 1529. I William Mewson of Candelesby. My body to be buryed in the church of [*folio* 212] St. Benet of Candelesby. To the parson of Candelesby my best best. To the church of Candelesby vj*s.* viij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To Thomas my sonne ten marke of money, when he cumys to the age of xiiij yeres v marke, and when he cumys to the age of xviij yeres other v markes. And yff he dye before the sayd age I will the sayd x marke be devydyd emong my iij doughters. I bequeth xxx*s.* to a honest preste to say iij trentalles for my soule, for my good frend soulys, and all crysten soulys, in the church of Candelesby. The resydewe of all my goodes to Anne my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I will that Mr John Lytilbery be supervisor. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Anderson, the parson of Candelesby; Milys Wylkynson; Thomas Hoggeson; John Wylson; and moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN STEVENSON OF THORGANBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 166*d.*]

18 March, 1529. I Jenet Stevynson of Thurganby. My body to be buryd within the quere of the church of All Haloys in Thurganby. To our Lady off Lincoln xij*d.* To the high alter of Thurganby xij*d.* To Crystyane my doughter. The resydew of my goodes to Thomas Steuynson, my sone, and Robert Wryght off Waltham, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Gell, parson of Thurganby; Thomas Stevynson; and Robert Wryght; with other.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 27 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BROWGHTON [OF WINTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 302.]

1529. I Robert Browghton of Wynthorpe, seke of body. My body to be buryd in the churchyerde of our Lady in Wynthorp, with my mortuary as the lawe requiryth. To the warkes of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To the high alter in Wynthorp iiij*d.* To the high alter of St. Jamys iiij*d.* To the alter of St. Nicholes iiij*d.* To the bellys iiij*d.* To our Lady Pety [*sic*] iiij*d.*, and to the rode light iiij*d.* I will to be gyffyn at my buryall xx*s.*, and one trentall to be done at *Scala Celi.* To William my brother. To my doughter Agnes. [*folio* 302*d.*] I make John my brother and my wyff my executors. Resydue of goodes to my wyff to bring up my chylde. Wytnes, Sir John Kyrgat; John Olever; and John Veyll.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 10 May, 1531, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN ETHERYNGTON OF WRAGBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 151*d.*]

1529. I John Etheryngton of Wragby. My body to be buryed in the church of all the sayntes wythin the parysh of Wragby. My mortuary accordyng to the lawe and the order of the churche. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hygh alter at Wragby viij*d.* To every order of the frerys at Lincoln xij*d.* To Anne and Margaret my doughters. I will thre trentalles to be sayd for my soule wythin the parych church of Wragby. To John Fysher the elder. To my syster Elizabeth ij sylver sponys, [etc.]. To John Fysher the yonger. To Mylys Fysher. I wyll that my feoffys stande and be ceasyd of and in all my landes and tenementes in Northe Kyme to the use of Johanne my wyff her lyff naturall; [remainder] to Anne and Margaret my doughters [for life; remainder] to the ryght heyres wher so ever they may be found. Resydue of goodes to Johanne my wyff, the wych I make my executrix. I make Sir George Butler the supervisor, and I gyff him for hys payn my best stagge. Wyttnes herof, Sir Xp'ofer Webster, the vicar of Wragby; Alexander Ryston; Robert Clerke; Thomas Smyth; and Roger Denton; with other moy. Yevyn the day and yere abovesayd.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 12 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN TONNERD OF KYRTON IN HOLLAND.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 182.]

1529. I Jennet Tonnard of Kyrton in Holand do make my testament, concludyng with the same my last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerd of the blessyd apostyll Peter and Paule of Kyrton. I bequeth in the name of my mortuary aftyr the custome of the towne. To the sacrament for negligent tythys iiij*d.*, and to our Lady alter iiij*d.*, and to every alter in the same church ij*d.* To the orphans at saynt Catheryns in Lincoln ij*d.*, and to the reparacion of our mother church of Lincoln ij*d.* To Xp'ofor Tonnerd, my sone. To Rose, Margaret and Alice my doughters houshold stuff,

[etc.], at the age of xvj yerys; and yff any of them dye or they cum to that age, then I wyll ther parte remane to my chylder lyffyng; and yff they all dye, then I will that all ther partes remane to Xp'ofor my sone. I will that Xp'ofor Bennet, my fader in lawe, have the reversion of my yeres in the mansion gyffyn unto me by the wyll of Thomas Goydson, somtyme my husband. The resydue of my goodes to Xp'ofor Bennet, who I make my executor. And I will that John Hall of Swyneshed be supervisor. Thes wytness', Sir Thomas Ashelay; William Sheperd, of Kyrton; and William Toller.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 21 March, 1529. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON GOODHALE OF BOSTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 159.]

26 March, 1530. I Simond Goodayll of Boston, seke in body. My body to be buryd in the church of saynt Botulphe in Boston. To the hygh alter for tythes forgotten xij*d.* To our Lady alter ther, yff it may be borne of my goodes, xvj*d.* To the alter of the appostles Simon and Jude iiij*d.* To the Trinite gylde within the sayd church, yff it may be borne of my goodes, v*s.* To the Whyt Freryes in Boston xx*d.* To the rode within the Austyn Freres ther iiij*d.* To our mother church of Lincoln vj*d.* To our Lady wark in Lincoln iiij*d.* To the orphans of saynt Catheryns withowt Lincoln xij*d.* To Peter Cooke, my god sun. To every on of my godchyldren. To John Goodale, my brother, xl*s.*, so that he do kepe and remember what charge I have bene at for him, that I put to hys conscience. I will that a prest syng a hole yere for my father Grauncer soule, my father soule, my soule and other my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys; and he to have for hys stipend viij markes. The resydue off my goodes I wyll they be devydyd betwyxt Margaret my wyff and John Goodale my son, whome I make my executors. I wyll that John Adamson of Wyberton be supervisor. Thes beyng witnes, Sir William Almonson, prest; Gilbert Dale; John Dale; Thomas Smyth; Richerd Coke; John Thomson; with diverse other.

Proved before P., at Boston, 18 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN HURROKES [OF MARKET RASEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 406.]

27 March, 1530. I John Hurrokes of the paryshe of Market Rasen, makyth this my last will and testament. My body to be buryed within the churche of St. Thomas the postyll in Market Rasyn. To the churche of Estrasyn xx*d.* to helpe to [*folio* 406*d.*] mayntene it in reparacions. To Thomas the lyttyll boy a matteres, [etc.]. To ichone of my godchyldren. I bequethe my house that I dwell in, whych I holde of Mr John Sheffelde by indenture, duryng my indenture unto William Denys, Richerd Rawlynson and William Robynson to the behove of William Thomas and Cecile hys wyff,

hys heyres [and] executors. Resydue of goodes to the sayd William Denys, Richerd Rawlynson and William Robynson to the behove of the sayd William Thomas and Cecill hys wyff, whom I make my executors. I make William, Richerd and William supervisors. Thes beyng wytnes, Hugh Belclyff, preste; John Lanse; William Clarke; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 15 November, 1531.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN PELL [OF NEWTON IN AVELAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 257.]

27 March, 1530. I John Pell of Newton. My body to be buryed in the churche of saynt Botulphe in Newton. To the high alter xij*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xx*d.* To the motherlesse chylder of St. Catheryns iiij*d.* [*folio* 257*d.*] To William my sonne ij byrlynges on yere of age, on red qwye ij yere olde, a fely iij yeres olde, iiij schepe hogges, [etc.]. To Richerd my sonne. To Alice my doughter on browne cowe dowyd, [etc.], and she to be at the order of her mother. To John my sonne on byrlyng browne on yere olde, [etc.]. To Robert my sonne on byrlyng blak tagyd of on yere olde, iiij shepe hogges, [etc.]. To Thomas my sonne. I will that my wyff cause v messys to be sayd at *Scala Celi* for my father and my mother, Richerd Bete and my selffe, xx*d.* To the church of Newton viij*s.*, to be takyn of Whytehouse of Michelmes rente. To my wyff my house in Newton duryng her lyff; and aftyr her decease to remayn to William my sonne and to hys heyres of hys body. Resydewe of goodes to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix. In wytnes herof, Sir Michell Cottom, parson; Sir Thomas Pell; Thomas Thomson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Sleford, 27 September, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS SPURRE OF MYDDELRASEN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 177*d.*]

30 March, 1530. I Thomas Spurre of Myddell Rasen, concernyng man to be mortall, makyth my last testament. My body to be buryed in the body of the churche of sanytes Peter and Paule of the sayd towne wher I am a paryshinor, yff the parysh will be contente with xlty pennys, or ellys to ly wher it shall lyke my frendes; and my mortuary to be takyn as the contre requiryth. I will the day of my buryall a li. waxe be burnyd abowt the herse, and a dirige with v messys to be done with v prestes. Also I wyll that x*s.* in bred be gyffyn in almys the same day. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xx*d.* I will that restitucion be mayd upon my landes unto William Spure, Stephyn Spur or other heyres, by the advyse of Thomas Thorpe the elder and Humfrey Spurre, prest, aftyr conscience for recompence of my father wyll. I wyll that the reste of my lande with the proffytes theroff remayn unto Catheryne my wyff and my chyldren so long as she kepyth her sole; and aftyr she be maryed, it to remane to the heyres of my blode, and then the chylder to be in custody of

the next of my blode, and they to have the rewle of my landes to the proffytes of my chyldren to the tyme they be off xxj yeres of age; and then as ther frendes and they lyke. To olde Dawson a sleveles jaket. To Robert Robertson a dudkyn jyrkyn. To my brother William a rossyt frese cote. To my brother Stephyn my red nyght bonnet. To Henry Spurre, my brother Thomas Spur sonne of Scarthoo, a doble strypyd bonnet. To on of the Frerys Austyns to say a messe at *Scala Celi* iiij*d*. I wyll that a dyscret prest syng a trentall for my soule wher I shall be buryed in tym convenient to cum. Resydewe of goodes unto Catheryne my wyff and my chyldren, and she to be my full executrix and to dispose parte for my [*folio* 178] soule and all crysten soulys aftyr her dyscrestion; and my brother [*sic*] William and Stephyn to be supervisors. Thes wytnes, Sir Peter Thomson, vic' of the sayd towne; John Walker; William Cowper; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 31 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WOODFURTH OF FARLESTHORP, [GENTLEMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 226.]

30 March, 1530. I William Woodfurth of Farlesthorpe. My body to be buryed within the church of St. Andrew of Farlestrop, and that that the lawe requiryth to be my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To our mother church of Lincoln xx*d*. To the high alter of Farlesthorp for forgottyn tithys iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the lighttes in the same church vj*s*. viij*d*. To the churche of Farlesthorp xl*s*. To the orders of Frerys in Lincoln and Boston, every order of them vj*s*. viij*d*. To the churche of Alforde xl*s*. To every on of the churchys bowndyng apon the feldes of Farlesthorp iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the churche of Hoggesthorp xx*s*. To the churche of Barton Sygrave in Northampton shyre besydes Keteryng, wher I was borne xl*s*. To the churches of Helloy, Ryxby and Oisby iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Alice Spenleff, my doughter, the best feder bed save on at Helloff, [etc.]. [*folio* 226*d*.] To John Ormesby. To Thomas and George sonnys of the sayd John Ornesby. To Dorothe and Johan doughters of the sayd John Ornesby, either of them xl*s*. when they cum at lawfull age. To William Ornesby v*l*. to be delyveryd to hys master at Lundon, wich Master Marbury hath fest hym withall; and yff he decease before that he cum forthe of hys prentischyp, the v*l*. to be delyveryd ageyn to my executors. To Henry Woodford, my brother, my gray amblyng geldyng, [etc.]. To Thomas Gersham, my servant; William Lere; John Edwarde; John Scherpe. Resydewe of goodes to Jane my wyff. I make the sayd Jane, John Madyson and Rayff Grene my executors. Mr William Skypwyth to be supervisor, and I gyff to hym for hys labor v*l*. and on amblyng stage. Thes wytnes, Sir John Wollay, vicar of Farlesthorp; John Awngewyn, esqwyer; Ric' Woodforde of Skendylbe; Robert Baldyng of Alforde; with oder moy.

Thys is the last will off me William Woodforde of Farlesthorpe in the countie of Lincoln, gentilman, mayd 30 March, 1530, 21 Henry VIII, concernyng the disposicion of all my landes and ten'tes beyng freholde, set in the paryshes of Farlesthorp, Alford, Woodethorpe and Orby in the countie of Lincoln, and off all other my landes frehold in the same countie, and of myn annuite or annuall rent off iiij*l.* x*s.* owt of the abbay of Revesby, that is to wytt, I will that all my landes and ten'tes in Orby shalbe solde be my executors, [*folio* 227] and the money I will shall be applyed for the payment of my dettes, [etc.]. I will that on prest shall syng for my soule and all crysten soulys in the churche of Farlesthorpe by the space of xxty yeres, and to have for hys wagys yerly fyve poundes. To Alice Spenlyff, my doughter, xl*s.* yerly. To John and William her chyldren yerely either of them xl*s.* To Helene Woodford, my brother John wyff, dewryng her lyff, xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, and she to enter therto at Mayday next aftyr my decease. To Edward Ornesby yerly unto the tyme that he be of the age of xxvty yeres xl*s.* to fynde hym at scole therwyth. To William Frythe, my servant, xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, yerly dewryng hys lyff. To Richerd Woodford yerly dewryng hys lyff xl*s.* I will that Jane my wyff have the use and receyve the rentes of all my sayd landes excepte the landes in Orby dewryng hyr lyff, she payng all the severall sommys of money to the persons above namyd, [etc.]. [*folio* 227*d.*] I will that aftyr [her and their] deceases my sayd landes, excepte the landes in Orby and the annuite, shall remane to Alice Spenlyff, my doughter, and to the heyres of her body; [remainder in succession in tail] to Richerd Woodford and Rose Ornesby. To Jane my wyff my sayd annuite of iiij*l.* x*s.* for terme of her lyff; [remainder to] my cosyn John Awngewyn, to hym and to hys heyres for ever. To Jane my wyff all my copyholdes dewryng my yeres.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD PALMER [OF FRIESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 199.]

1 April, 1530. I Richerd Palmer of Freston. My body to be buryed in the church of St. Jamys in Freston. I bequeth for my mortuary after the custome of the cuntre. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln. To the high alter in Freston for tithys forgotten. To St. Jamys in Freston. To our Lady of Pety in Freston. To St. Sythe in Freston. To St. Fryday in Freston. To St. Lowe in Freston. To Ric' Bloke ij acres of arable land lying in Crane Hyll, late the land of Robert Wyffyns, in fee symple. To Jenet Simon on acr' of lande arable and di' lying in Shorte Grove, and to her heyres of her body; [remainder] to the ryght heyres againe. The resydew of my landes and of my goodes I gyff to my ij systers Jenet and Isabell, whome I do make my executors. [*folio* 199*d.*] Thes beyng wytnes, William Crosley; Richerd Robbytes; Henry Hawden; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS CAPPE [OF NORMANTON, GENTLEMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 259*d.*]

2 April, 1530. I Thomas Cappe of Normanton, gent., seke of body. My body to be buryed within the churche of St. Nicholes within the towne of Normanton. To my mortuary as the lawe dothe require. To our mother churche of Lincoln, and to the warkes therof xij*d.* To the high alter of Normanton for forgotten tithys viij*d.* To the fatherles chylder of St. Catheryns of Lincoln vj*d.* To Jane my wyff all my goodes, [etc.], to the fyndyng and bryngyng up of all my yong chyldren. To Johanne my wyff all my purchesyd landes that I have taken for terme of yeres, terme of lyff, or aftyr the custom of the manor, duryng her lyff, yff so be that she continew unmaryed; and aftyr her decease to remayn to my next heires of my body. Also I will that Mr Jamys Mallet, clerke, Sir Gyles Husey, knyght, and Sir John Thymolby, knyght, with other moy of my trusty and sewer feoffers, stande styll feoffyd in all my landes to such use as more playnly dothe appere in a dede of feoffement mayd by me for certen of my yonger chylder. I will that Johanne my wyff be my executrix. Resydewe of goodes to Jane my wyff to dispose for the helthe of my soule, [etc.], by the oversyght of Mr Jamys Mallet, whome I orden supervisor. These wytnes, Wylliam Leeke, gent'; John Cappe, the elder, gent'; Robert Dyxson; with many other.

Proved before P., at Cathorp, 28 September, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT COLLE *alias* STEVENSON OF BOSTON, [PRIEST].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 157.]

2 April, 1530. I Robert Colle, otherwyse callyd Stevenson, of Boston, prest. I wyt my soule, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of saynt Botulphe of Boston, with my mortuary after the law. To the hygh alter in the sayd church for tythys forgotten xx*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the highe alter at Lincoln viij*d.* To the fatherles chyldren withowt the barrys at Lincoln vj*d.* To the gylde of the Seven Martyrs in Boston viij*d.* To William Colle, my brother, xl*s.* To Elizabeth Kyrkton, my syster, a blew coverlyd, a pare of schetes, a peloy, a blankyt, ij pewter dyshes, the les panne, a brandryth, a lyttyll kettyll, a lyttyl posnet, for the terme of her lyff; and aftyr her decease to remane to Alice her doughter, yff she lyff, and the sayd Elizabeth stand not in nede to sell it, [etc.]. To Ric' Colle, my broder son, a table of waynscott, a gret charger, ij pewter platters, a basyn of lattyn and a laver, a candylstyk of lattyn, ij podigers of pewter, [etc.]. To William Colle, my broder sun. And yff ether of them decease or they cum to the age of xviij yeres, then I will ether of them be other heyres; and yff they bothe decease, I wyll the stuff be disposyd for

me and all crysten soulys. I wytt to Margaret Colle, my broder doughter. I wyll that my bee hyvys be devydyd emonges my broder and my syster chylder, so that William Greve of Helpryngham have on hyve. To Isabell Poynter, otherways May, my hostys, v*s*. To my lady Ankcrys xij*d*. I wyll that a trentall be sayd for me immediatly after my decease at *Scala Celi* for my soule and the sowlys of Godfrey and Elizabeth [*folio* 157*d*.] my fader and mother. And aftyrwarde, my will fulfyllyd, I will have a prest to syng for my soule and the soulys off my fader and mother and all crysten soulys in the church of saynt Botulphe in Boston as long as my goodes may extende. I make Sir Ric' Coke, prest, executor. Thes beyng wytnes, John Rokerey, prest; John Woodhouse, prest; and William Greue of Helpryngham; wyth other moy. To the Freres Minors in Boston my surples.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MADYSON [OF MARSH CHAPEL, YEOMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 217*d*.]

2 April, 1530. I John Madyson off Marshchapell, yoman. My body to be buryed in the churche of our Lady at the Marshechapell, and that thyng to be my mortuary that the law will. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To the church of Marschapell for my buryall ther vj*s*. viij*d*., and to the church of Fulstowe xvj*d*. To the high alter of Marschapell for my forgottyn tithys xij*d*., and to a pare of new organs at the forsayd Marschapell xiij*s*. iiij*d*., and to the church of Syxill vj*d*. To the gylde of our Lady at Garnthorpe to be mayd a brother therin vj*s*. viij*d*. yerly to the summe of iiij*l*. be runne and payd, the wich money shall be takyn of a close callyd Shypcoteclose; and for defawte of payment yt shall be lefull to the masters of the sayd gylde to strene of the sayd grounde for the rent. To the church of Northcotes vj*d*.; also I will that a trentall of messes be sayd for my soule. To Robert Madyson my brother and to hys heyres and assygnes all my landys and tenementes beyng within the lordschyp of Fulstowe or Fulstowe Marshe. And I will that my feoffers release and gyff [*folio* 218] hym state therein. To Arthure my cosyn. To John my brother. To every on of my godchyldren beyng with in towne of Marshchapell. Also it is my wyll that every on of my servantes and pore frendes that was with me at my departyng have sumwhat to pray for me to the valour of a pare of hose or a kyrchyff, at the mynde of my gostly father. To Elizabeth my wyff the thyrde parte off my moveable goodes not bequethyd; and to my ij chyldren [or the survivor of them] the secund parte of my goodes. Also I will that my chyldren partes be knawne what it cumyth too, and bothe the chylder and ther goodes be put to Robert Madyson, my brother, and be att hys governance to they be hable and disposyd to mariage, [etc.]. And yff they bothe dye, I will ther goodes be disposyd for ther soulys and for the soulys of our

good frendes. Also I wyll that the thyrde parte be disposyd for the helthe of my soule by the sight of Robert Madyson, my brother, and John Madyson, my cosyn, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Richerd Raynolde, vicar ; Sir Thomas Fynnay, curat' ; Will'm Madeson ; and John Gonny ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BLAWE OF TOFTE [BY NEWTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 161*d.*]

3 April, 1530. I Robert Blaw of Tofte next Newton, makys thys my last wyll. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Peter and Paull of Tofte. To the high alter. I will that the parson have aftyr my decease x*s.* for tythys forgotten. To the church warke. To our Lady warke of Lincoln. To every order of frerys with in the sayd citie. To every on of my godchyldren. To Xp'ofer Dawse and Jenet Browne, my servands. I wyll have a trentall of messys for the helth of my soule. I wyll that Water West have xij*d.* or a lamme, wheder he wyll. I wyll that the resydue of my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, the fyrst to my wyff, the secund to my chyldren and the thyrde to pay my dettes and bryng me to the grounde. The resydue of my parte I wyll it remayn to to the behove of my chyldren [at lawful age]. I wyll that Agnes my wyff shall have the kepyng on my ij yongest chyldren and ther partes dewryng her wedoyhod, and she to bryng them up, yff she fynd sewerty to Richerd Nayllor, my broder to in law, [etc.]. Also I wyll that the sayd Richerd shall have my eldest sonne and hys parte for to fynd hym att scolle, and makyng hym a prest, yff it please God to send hym hellyght. To Robert Gayryng of Newton next Tofte. I wyll that Mr Henry Hansard shall have the v*s.* iiij*d.* for gyffyn hym that he hause me, and he to be good Mr to my wyff and my chyldren. I ordeyne Agnes my wyff and Richerd Naylor, my broder, myne executors. Thes beryng wytnes, Syr Robert Langlay, the parson ; Syr William Cartewryght, the parson of Newton ; Thomas Spaldyng ; John Lockyt ; Water West ; Oliuer Hopkyn ; Robert Westmerland ; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. KNOLLIS [OF SOUTH RESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 385.]

3 April, 1530. I William Knollys off South Reston. My body to be buryed in the church yerde off St. Edithe of Southreston. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vj*d.* To the high altare of Southreston for forgotyn tithys viij*d.* To William my sun. Resydue of goodes to Elizabeth my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Page, preste of the sayd towne ; and John Norton of the same ; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 13 March, 1530.

[THE TESTAMENT OF SIR THOMAS KENDALL, PARSON OF WADINGHAM ST. PETER].

[STOW, 1530-52, *f.* 280*d.*]

4 April, 1530. I Sir Thomas Kendall, parson of sent Peter in Wadingham, makes and ordens my testament. My body to be beryed in the chore of sent Peter in Wadingham. I bequethe for my mortuary as the law requires. To the warkes of our mother church of Lincoln xx*d.* To the lyght of sent Hewes hede iiij*d.* To the warkes of sent Peter churche in Wadingham vj*s.* viij*d.* toward byying of a vestment; and to the church warkes of sent Mares in Wadingham iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the churche warkes of Redburn xij*d.* To the stepull of Grayngham xx*d.* To Thomas Androw the yonger; William Androw; Esabell Andrew, William Andrew doughter; [*folio* 281] Jane Androwe, Thomas Andrew doughter; Jaret Andrew; Agnes Andrew, Elsabet Andrew and Essabell Andrew, chylder to Thomas Andrew; Alyson Andrewe doughter to William Andrew; Robert Halley; my gode doughter, Elsabet Gardyner; Thomas Knyght, my godsonne; every of my god chylder; Jenet Robynson; Margaret Andrew; and Thomas Sarganson wyfe. I bequethe one trentall for to be doon for my soule. To every house of the iiij orders of Freers of Lincoln iiij*d.* To Sir Alex' Castylforth a sylver spone. To Sir William Sorthworth a sylver spone. The resydue of my goodes not geven ne bequethid I gyve unto my executors, that is to witt, Thomas Andrew the elder and Agnes Burrett. I wyll that Henry Gardyner be the supervisour, and he to have for his besenes x*s.* Thies witnes, Sir William Sothworth; Sir Alex' Castilforth; Henry Burnbe; Thomas Stoddard; Robert Halley; Robert Coke; and William Steuynson; with other moe.

[*No probate act.*]

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRAY [OF CALCETHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 216.]

5 April, 1530. I John Gray of Calestrop. My body to be buryed in the church of St. Fayth of Calestrop. I wyt to the church iiij quarters of malte. I wyt to our Lady of Lincoln xx*d.* I wyt to our Lady warke xx*d.* To Jenet my cosyn. I wytt to Kelston chyrch xij*d.* I wyt to Southelkyngton church xij*d.* To Welton church xij*d.* I will that a trentall be sayd for my soule helthe. Also I wyll that my goodes be devydyd in thre partes, my wyff to have on parte, my chylder another, and the thyrd parte I will that my wyff and Gregory my sonne, whome I make my executors, dispose for the helthe of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir John Gray; Sir Richard Grey; and Thomas Dowse.

Proved before P., at Louthe, 7 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN OKYSE [OF AUTHORPE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 225*d.*]

6 April, 1530. I John Okyse of Awthorp. My body to be buryd in the church of St. Margaret in Awthorpe. I wytt to our

Lady warke of Lincoln ij*s*. To the high alter of our Lady in the same monastery ij*d*. To St. Hugh hed in the same ij*d*. I wytt to the high alter in Awthorp church viij*d*. To the ij lyghttes of the same alter iiij*d*. To the lighttes callyd the Wesayll in the same church iiij*d*. To the commun light in the same churche iiij*d*. I do wyt to the buyldyng of the gyldehouse in Awthorpe iij*s*. iiij*d*. I wyt to the parysh churche of Mukton xij*d*. To the churches of Northreston, Southreston, Castyll Carlton and Tottyll. To the chapell of St. Peter in Claythorpe xvj*d*. To the parysh church in Helloy and to the churches in Abe and Thoresbe. To St. Margaret church in Swaby. To the church of St. Nicholes in the same. I wyt to Jenet my syster v*s*. To William Houpe of Claythorpe my gawberdyne of tawny, [etc.]; and to Thomas Houpe his sonne a jaket of tawny, my swerde and my bukler. To Sir John Houpe my gowne with a whyt furre, [etc.]. To my wyff a mare that ambylls, [etc.]. I wyt to John Raner and Margaret hys wyff and hys iiij chylder. To Margaret Howpe and to her doughter. I will that Sir John Howpe do syng for me and all crysten soulys the space of on yere or ellys on other honest prest, and he to have to hys wagys iiij*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. I will that my executors do dele at my buryall xl*s*. I wyt to every god barne that I have iiij*d*. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt nor gyffyn I do wyt and gyff to Margaret my wyff, [*folio* 226] William Howpe and Sir John Howpe, whome I orden my executors. Hiis testibus, Thomas Veyll, prest; John Johnson, yeman; John Paryt; with other mo.

I wyll that the landes that I have in wed set be in the handes of William Howpe the tyme of viij yeres, and I wyll that he pay to Sir John Howpe yerly the tyme of viij yeres xiij*s*. iiij*d*., and hym selffe to have the lande at the ende of the viij yeres everlastyng aftyr.

Proved before P., at Louth, 7 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WESTROPE OF STAYNTON [IN LE VALE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 164.]

6 April, 1530. I Thomas Westrope of Staynton in le valy. My body to be buryed in the church of St. Androy of Staynton. To the supportacion of the same church for my grave vj*s*. viij*d*. To the high alter off our cathedral church of Lincoln xij*d*. To the supportacion of our Lady warke of the same xij*d*. To Kyrmond chyrch vj*d*. To Teylby, Walysby and Thuresway churches. To the Whyte Frerys of Lincoln for celebratyng halff a trentall of messys v*s*. To on prest for celebratyng halffe on yere l*s*. To every on of my god chylder beyng in lyff iiij*d*. I wyll that my executors offer xij*d*. that day that William Parker synges hys fyrst messe. To Thomas Westrop, the sonne of my sonne Robert Westrop. I wyll that Sir Anthony Bennet, prest, be supervisor. To John my sonne my messuage and all the beyldynges, landes, [etc.], therto belongyng as

I have occupyed it before. Resydue of goodes to my wyff and to my sonne John, whome I make my executors. Thies beyng wytnes, Sir John Manknolle, parson of the forsayd Staynton ; Sir Anthony Bennet, chapland ; Mr John Enderby ; Thomas Westrope, the yonger ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castr', 4 April,[1] 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WYTTON OF HERBY, [CO. NOTTINGHAM].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 153.]

6 April, 1530. I John Wytton of Herby. My body to be buryed in the chyrchyerd of Peter and Paule of Herby. To our mother chyrch of Lincoln vj*d*. To the hygh alter of Herby iiij*d*. To the sanctus candylls on pownde wax. To our Lady lyght of Herby iiij*d*. To every god chylde that I have iiij*d*. To Agnes Smyth, Ame Todde, Agnes Taylour and Agnes Todde all the inwarde good in my house to be chyftyd emonges them. The resydue of my good I gyff to Ric' Wytton, my sonne, wich I make my executor for to dispose for me and for my wyff and for all my benefactors. Thes wytnes, Thomas Wytton ; Ric' Ferrer ; Thomas Smyth ; with many others.

Proved before P., at Spillesby, 10 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WELLYS OF LINCOLN, SMYTH.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 152*d*.]

9 April, 1530. I Thomas Wellys of the parysh of sanct Botulphe within the suburbys of the citie of Lincoln. My body to be buryd in the church of saynt Botulphe. To the church for lying therin iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the hygh alter of saynt Botulphe for tythys forgotten iiij*d*. To saynt Botulphe iiij*d*. To Margaret Ley. To Thomas Lowfte a vice and dowblyt. To Thomas Belton a stedy. To the iiij orders of frerys every on of them iiij*d*. Resydue of goodes to Alice my wyff, whome I orden my executrix to dispose for the helth of my soule, wyth good counsell of William Quarryngton, whome I make my supervysor. To Alice my wyff my yeres of my farme, or her assignes. Thes wyttnes, Daue Colson ; Mr Quarryngton ; John Emondson.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 7 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. DEKYNSON [OF GAYTON LE MARSH, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 321.]

10 April, 1530. I William Dykynson of Gaton, husbandman.

[1] *Rectius* 'May'. This will is given, in the order of the date of probate, amongst other wills that were proved in May.

My body to be buryd in the cherche yerde of Gaton as nygh unto the place where as the body of my wyff afore departyd lyith as it can be devysyd by the discrestion of my executrix. To the high alter of St. George of Gaton iiij*d*. To my doughtter Margaret. To Thomas my sonne. To William my sonne on acr' of past'r grounde, the wich was gyffyn unto me by my godfather. To our Lady of Lincoln warke iiij*d*. To the parysh prest of Gaton ij*d*. The rest of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes being present, Sir John Red, prest; Richerd Ryby; William Cansby; and Robert Webster, husbandman; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 13 March, 1530, by the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM PALMER [OF CARLTON SCROOP, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 207*d*.]

10 April, 1530. I William Palmer of Carleton Scrop, husbandman. My body to be buryed in the churche of saynt Nicholes of Carleton Scrope. I bequeth my mortuary as the law requiryth. To the churche of Carleton Scrope xxvj*s*. viij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the churches of Hough, Honnyngton, Barston, Ancastr' and Normanton. To the chapels of Gelstone and Sudbruke. To Thomas Palmer and Phylip Palmer my sonnes [each] ij oxen, ij horse and a bunwayn, [etc.]. [*folio* 208] To Isabell Palmer, my doughter. To Margaret Godsalffe, Rawff Bakon, Robert Glossyt, Richerd Wylson and Thomas Cutberte. To every on of my godchyldren iiij*d*. To Sybell Palmer, my wyff, on tenement wyth the appurtenaunces lying in the parysh of Carleton Scrope betwene a tenandry of Sir Edward Nevell, knyght, wich is in the fermyng now off Will'm Morres, on the southe, and a close of the sayd Sir Edward Nevell on the northe, wich is in the fermyng now of John Torry the yonger, the kynges high way on the est and weste. To the sayd Sybbell ij cotage housys in the sayd parysh, lying betwene a cotage of the sayd Sir Edward Nevell, wich is now in the fermyng of Robert Fawkener, on the sowthe, and a tenand of the aforesayd Sir Edward on the northe, the wich is in the fermyng of William Morres aforesayd, the kynges high way on the este and weste. The aforesayd tenement and ij cotages with all ther appurtenances ar to be had and to be holdyn to the foresayd Sybell for the terme of her lyff yff she kepe her a wedoy; and yff soe be that she be maryed she shall have but the ij cotage housys; and aftyr her decease I will that she shall gyff the sayd ij cotages houses to on of my chyldren and hyrs, the wich she thynkyth most nedefull to have them. Yff so be that she be maryed agayn, then I will that the foresayd heyd tenement shall remayn to Thomas Palmer, my sonne. And yff she be not maryed, I wyll that, aftyr her decease, it shall remayn to Thomas Palmer, my sonne; [remainder, after his decease], [*folio* 208*d*.] to the heyre male. I will that yff Thomas my sonne be not hable to mayntene and kepe it he shall not sell it

but to on of hys bretherne or to on of the nexte of hys kin of the same name. I make Sybell my wyff and Robert Palmer, my sonne executors. To Reynold Collette, whome I make supervisor, iij*s*. iiij*d*. Thes wytnes, Sir John Farnesfelde; Renold Colyt; Robert Smyth; Thomas Roper; William Morres; wyth other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

The testament of Agnes Beall of Estrasen.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 186.]

11 April, 1530. I Agnes Beall of Estrasen. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Thomas the apostyll off the sayd Rasen. To Mr Vicar of the sayd Rasyn for tithys forgottyn my red bullok. To the hygh alter iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our Lady chapell. To our Lady wark of our mother chyrch of Lincoln viij*d*. To every of the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln xx*d*. To Henynges abbey vj*s*. viij*d*. To Wallyngwellys abbey vj*s*. viij*d*. To Matersa abbey iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Grenefelde abbey xx*d*. To Vpton, Tofte and Newton churches. To Margaret Hynde. To George Roche and Thomas Roche yerly vj*s*. viij*d*. [each, during his life], and it to be takyn of my landes. To Sir Hugh Bylclyff iij*s*. iiij*d*. to pray for my soule. To Margaret Hynd; yong William Roche; Dorothe Roche; Elizabeth Bryght of Lincoln; Agnes Johnson, my servaunt; and Cecile Turner, my servaunt. To William Roche the elder all my landes, [etc.], within the townes and feldes of Estrasen, Medylrasen, Newton and Tofte, to hym and to hys heyres or assygnes for evermore. Resydue of goodes to the sayd William Roche, whome I make my executor. Thyes beyng wytnesses, Sir Hugh Bylclyff off Estrasen; John Pulley of the same; William Rawlynson of the same; David Whyte of the same; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 18 April, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

The testament of Robert Brynkyll of Braunceton.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 156.]

11 April, 1530. I Robert Brynkyll. My body to be buryed in the church of All Sayntes in Braunceton. To the hygh alter of All Sayntes in Braunceton for tithys forgotten xvj*d*. To our Lady warkes in Lincoln vj*d*. To Marget my wyff halffe of my goodes in the towne and also in the feldes. To Hamond and Robert my sones. I wyll that John Brynkyll, my sone, have harnes for a man to hys body in kepyng the space of xxty yeres yff it be not callyd to the kynges nedes; and att the ende of xxty yeres I gyff the sayd harnes to Hamond Brynkyll, my sun, yff he lyff to that tyme. To Wylliam Pearson. To Robert Brynkyll, my broder sun. To my god chyldren every on singler a hogge schepe. To the churchwarkes of Alsayntes of Braunceton iij*s*. iiij*d*. I wyll that a trentall of messys be celebrat at thre days for the helthe of my soule; and

therfore to be payd x*s*. Resydue of goodes to Margaret my wyff, John Brynkyll my sun, and William Halley, for to dispose it for the helthe of my soule; and I make them my executors. Thes wytnes, Sir William Hazard, curat; William Barcar; and Hamond Barcar; with many others.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 13 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT BUTLER OF GRAYNESBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 162*d.*]

11 April, 1530. I Robert Butler of Granysby. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of St. Nicholes of Granesby. I bequeth my red horse to the high alter of Granesby for tithys negligently forgotten. To our Lady of Lincoln warke viij*d*. To Anne and Johanne my doughters. To Alyson, a lyttyll maydyn that I dyd bryng up for God sake, on cowe. To the church of Granesby v*s*. Elizabeth my wyff to be my executrix. The resydewe of my goodes I wyll that my wyff dispose for my soule. Thies wytnes, Sir John Woode; William Waltham; Robert Geffrayson; et aliis.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 5 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF NICHOLAS RUMFORD [OF FRIESTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 200*d.*]

11 April, 1530. I Nicholas Rumford of Freston. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of St. Jamys in Freston; and to my mortuary after the custome of the cuntre. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the high alter in Freston for tithys forgotten iiij*d*. To St. Jamys in Freston ij*d*. To St. Sithe in Freston ij*d*. To our Lady of Pety in Freston ij*d*. To Elizabeth my wyff. To Alice, Agnes and Isabell my iij doughters. [*folio* 201] To Nicholas Bustard, Nicholas Mayden, Jenet Gyltofte, Alice Crowe and Richard Cooke. Resydewe of goodes to Robert Rumford, whome I make my executor. I will that John Mayden be the supervisor. Thes wytnes, John Beame; John Huttyng; and William Crowe; with other moy. I will that Jenet Bustard, Alice and Agnes my doughters have my house with the grene under it and the purtenaunces in fee symple.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS RODLEY OF HALTON [HOLEGATE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 153*d.*]

12 April, 1530. I Thomas Rodley of Halton in Lyndesay make my testament, therin concludyng my last will, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of saynt Androy in Halton. To the hygh alter ther for tythys forgotten xij*d*. To every alter besyd in the same church iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln for offerynges forgotten vj*d*. To our Lady warkes there vj*d*. To the makyng of

saynt George in Halton church x*s*. To Thomas my sonne a brewyng lede, ij kelyng leades and my great brasse pott, a laver and the laver stone, a cownter, a pare of bedstokes, my reconnys and hookes that hang in the chymney, a laver, a chafyng dyshe, [etc.]; and yff he dy or he cum at laufull age, then the stuff shall be devydyd emong my doughters by the discrestion of my wyff. I wyll that every on of my iiij doughters, Johanne, Dorothy, Grace and Jenet, have at the day of ther mariage fyve markes. [*folio* 154] I wytt to Catheryne my wyff my hed messuage with as muche lande as cumys to the valew of iij*l*. by yere, for the terme of her lyff; and after her decease I will it retorne to Thomas my sonne and to his heyres and hys assygnes. And yff it so fortune that Catheryne my wyff and Thomas my sonne cannot agre upon thys my gyfte, then I wyll that the sayd Catheryne have a house callyd Tynker house with as mych land as cumys to the valew of iij*l*. by the yere for the terme of her lyff; and aftyr her decease to retorne agane to my heyres in forme aforesayd. I bewyt unto sum habyll prest to syng for me and all my good frendes on quarter of a yere in the parysh church of Halton xxvj*s*. viij*d*. I bewytt unto every god chylde that I have iiij*d*. I will that my qwestes afore beqwest and my dettes be taken of my feoffys of trust. The resydue of my goodes I gyff unto Catheryne my wyff, whom I orden my executrix. In wytnes wheroff I forsayd Thomas dyd wryte the coppy with my awn hand with other wytnes besyde, that is for to say, Sir Thomas Leyke; Ric' Fene; John Halyday; and Sir John Syc'[1]; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Spyllesby, 10 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

The testament of Thomas Vncle of Bollyngbroke.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 153.]

12 April, 1530. I Thomas Vncle of Bollyngbroke. My body to be buryed in the kyrkgarth of the appostelles Peter and Paule of Bollyngbrok. To the hygh alter for tithys forgotten or wythdrawn xij*d*. To the sepulcre lyght viij*d*. To all halloys lyght viij*d*. To the lyght of the holy Trinitie iiij*d*. To the lyght of sanct Peter iiij*d*. To the lyght of our blessyd Lady of grace iiij*d*. I bequeth toward the reparacions upon the bellys xij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d*. To John, Thomas, Helene and Agnes [my children, under 16 years of age]. Resydue of goodes unto Jenet my wyff, whome I make executrix, to thys intent she shall fulfyll my testament and norysh and bryng up all my chyldren unto they be habyll for to defence for them selff and to gett and labor for ther lyffyng. Thes beyng wytnes, Robert Cowper, prest; Robert Waltham; Peter Borwell; Thomas White; and William Hamond; with other of Bollyngbrok.

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[1] 'Syke' in *Subsidy, 1526*, p. 5.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS DYKYNSON [OF LEAKE].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 206.]

16 April, 1530. I Thomas Dykynson of Leeke. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Leeke. In the name of my mortuary that the law requiryth. To the anornament of the high alter in Leeke churche viij*d.* To every other alter iiij*d.* for tithys forgotten xij*d.* To the pore chyldren at saynt Catheryns with owt Lincoln iiij*d.* I bequeth liij*s.* iiij*d.* to on preste to syng in the churche of Leek by the space of halffe on yere to pray for my soule, the soulys of my father and mother and all crysten soulys. To Margaret and Isabell my doughters liij*s.* iiij*d.* [each at the age of sixteen]. To Margaret Dyckynson, my wyff, my capitall messuage lyinge in Leeke and Leuerton, callyd Vpton house, with xv acres land arable and past'r under it lying, xj acres past'r in the Moos, on acr' and on roode lying in Furlong, with iiij acres in the same felde past'r, to the terme of her lyff; [remainder as to] the iiij acres in Furlonges to my too doughters Margaret and Isabell; [and as to] Vpton house with all my other landes to John Dykynson, my sonne, and to hys heyres and assignes, when he cumys to the age of xxjty yeres; [remainder] to Margaret and Isabell my doughters, and to ther heyres and assignes, when they cum to laufull age; [remainder as to] my capitall messuage with xv acres lande under it lying, and xj acres in the Moos, to William Roper, my kynsman, and to hys heyres of hys body, of thys condicion, that he or hys heyres shall kepe on obbyt in the kyrke of Leeke the Sunday next aftyr saynt Gregory day by the space of fowre score yeres and xix for my soule, my wyff saule, my father and mother saulys, my chylder saulys and all crysten soulys, waryng every yere xx*s.* of the sayd obbyt, and to gyff in almys in the towne of Leek; [remainder] to the kyrke wardens of Leek, to my feffys and to the master of the chauntre in Muston; they to sell the lande and to fynde a preste to sing in the kyrke of Leek, as long as the money will laste, for my soule and all crysten soulys. Also I wyll that yff Margaret and Isabell my doughters dy before they cum to laufull age, the iiij acres past'r lying in Furlonges remane to John my sonne and to hys heyres and assygnes when he cumys to lawfull age; [remainder to] be solde by the kyrke wardens of Leeke, my feoffes and the master of the chauntre in Muston, and the money to be waryd of an alter in saynt Thomas qwere in the kyrke of Leek, and the overplus to be waryd of the buyldyng of the northe yle in Leeke churche; and also the acr' and on roode past'r lying in Furlonges to be solde and waryd accordyng to the iiij acres before namyd. Also I will that Margaret my wyff have the kepyng of my ij doughters to they cum to xviij yeres. Also I wyll that Margaret my wyff have my swannys and my swannemarke to the terme of her lyff; and then to remane to John my sonne. Yff he dye or he cum to lawfull age, I will the swannys with the marke be solde, and the money to be devydyd betwyxt my ij doughters. To Master John Thameworth vj*s.* viij*d.*

Resydewe of goodes to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thies wytnes, Sir John Fendyke; Thomas Fysher, elder; John Hopkynson; and Thomas Fysher, yonger; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS WYNGOT OF WELTON [LE WOLD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 154.]

17 April, 1530. I Thomas Wyngot of Welton next Louth. My body to be buryed in the chyrch yerde of saynt Androy[1] of Welton. I wyt to the warke of the cath' church of Lincoln vj*d*. I wytt to the church of saynt Androy of Welton xij*d*. To the hyghe alter of the same for tithys forgotten xij*d*. To the church of Mukton vj*d*. I wytt to the church of Byscothorp iiij*d*. I wyll that Agnes my doughter, and the chylde that my wife is with, have my place in Byscothorp with the purtenaunce; and yff it fortune on of them to decease, the overlyffer to have it. I wyll have a trentall sayd for me and Sir Thomas Wyngod. To Agnes my doughter a hutche. To Robert Wyngot, my broder. The resydue of all my goodes not wytt I gyff to Jenet Wyngod my wyff, Robert Wyngod and William Wytton, whome I make my executors. Thes men beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Beche, the parson; William Wytton; John Benson; Robert Archer; with other.

Proved at Louth, 6 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WALTER PROVESTE [OF MARSHCHAPEL, LABOURER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 216.]

18 April, 1530. I Walter Proveste off Marshe Chapell, laborer. [*folio* 216*d*.] My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Marshchapell, and that thyng to be my mortuary that right will. To our Lady warke of Lincoln vj*d*., and to the high alter of Marshchapell for my forgottyn tithys viij*d*., and to our Lady of the same; and to the churches of Fulstowe, Northcotes and Garnthorpe. To the new organs at Marshchapell ij*s*. To Sir Thomas Fynney. To William, John and Richerd my sones. I wyll that the chyldren and ther goodes remayn and be at the disposicion of Jenet my wyff yff she kepe her single, [etc.], so that the sayd chyldren [or the survivor] may have ther goodes at ther awn disposicion and gydyng when they cum to xvjth or xvijth yeres of age, as they be hable to have reason to gyde it, so that xvij yeres be the farrest, [etc.]; and yff they all dye, I will that ther goodes be disposyd for the soulys of them and off all our good frendes. To John Provest my brother. To Robert Harte. To Margaret Person ij pewder dooblers. I will that a dirige and a soule messe be song for my soule the same day

[1] The church is stated in Bacon's *Liber Regis*, p. 450, and by modern authorities to be dedicated to St. Martin.

that I am buryed. I will that Edmund Cowper [*folio* 217] and John Cowper be supervisors. Resydew of goodes to Jenet Provest, my wyff, wich I orden my executrix. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Fynnam, curat; John Lowre; Robert Harte; Robert Gybbon; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Louth, 7 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN FORMAN [OF KIRKBY GREEN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 232*d.*]

19 April, 1530. I John Forman. My body to be buryed in the churcheyerde of Kyrkby Grene. I wytt to the high alter in Kyrkby for forgottyn tithys iiij*d.* I wytt to our Lady warke in Lincoln vj*d.* I wyt to the iiij orders of frerys, to every house iiij*d.* I wyt for fyndyng of a lampe in the chauncell of Kyrkby churche before the sacrament vj*s.* viij*d.* I wyt x*s.* to be distributyd and gyffyn in almys in the day of my buryall to por folkys in certen townys next adionyng unto Kyrkby aftyr the discrestion of my frendes. I wyt to Juenet my eldest doughter on fleckyd cowe. I wyt to Sebastiane my sonne ij oxe calvys callyd yerynges. I wyt to Margaret and Thomasyne my doughtters ij styrkes callyd yerynges. To Alice my doughter a qwye callfe of a yere olde. I will that my mother reste and remane with all her owne stoke and goodes she brought with her. I wytt to Beatrix my wyff. I wyt to Sebastian my sone xl*s.* I wyll that my chyldren be founde and brought up of my goodes, withowt mynyshyng of ther own partes, to suche tyme as they schall cum to lefull age and can shyfte for them selffe. I wyt to William Forman, sone of Nicholes Forman, a bushyll of whete and a bushyll of malte and ij capons at suche tyme as he doth syng hys fyrste messe. The resydewe of my goodes I remitte and leyff in the handes of Betterys my wyff, William Norman and Robert Forman, whome I make my executors; aftyr the order and syght [*folio* 233], of William Forman, whome I make supervysor. Wytnes of the same, Sir Richerd Barker, my curate; John Hollem; Xp'ofer Cressy; Richerd Norman; cum aliis.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 11 November, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT RAUNSON [OF CROFT].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 212*d.*]

20 April, 1530. I Robert Raunson of Crofte. My body to be buryed in the quere of our Lady in the churche of Crofte. To the sayd churche and for mayntenyng of the same iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the hygh alter for tithys forgotten xvj*s.* viij*d.*, wherupon I will that x*s.* be payd for the right of my mortuary, the rest for tithys forgotten. To the gylde of the Trinite xij*d.* To the gylde of our Lady xij*d.* To the gylde of the holy Roode xij*d.* To the bellys xvj*d.* To our Lady alter viij*d.* To St. Nicholes alter viij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To our Lady warkes viij*d.* To the fatherles

chyldren at St. Catheryns viij*d.* To the hygh alter of St. Peter of Thorpe church for tithys forgotten xx*d.*, and iiij pownde wax to be burnyd in the same churche before the sacrament. I will that the churches off Fryskney, St. Mary and All Haloys in Waynflet, St. Thomas of Northolm, Thorpe, Frysby, Yrby, Bratofte, Burgh, Orby, Wynthorpe and Skegnes have ych of them to ther reparacions iij*s.* iiij*d.* To Agnes my wyff xiij*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, all my housholde stuff wich I brought hyder, [etc.]. To my doughter, Elizabeth Gleen. To my doughter, Jenet Ranson, John my sone wyff, xx*s.* To Agnes Woodroffe and Alice Drope, my doughters; and to every on of my chyldren chylder beyng now gottyn or borne. To every on of my godchylder. To Simon Boner and hys wyff, and to ych off ther chylder. To Henry Boner and hys wyff, and to ich of ther chylder. To Margaret Boner and to her doughter. To Robert Crofte, hys wyff and hys chylderyn. To Thomas Ranson, hys wyff and hys chyldren. To every of my brether Walters chylder. Resydew off goodes to my sonne, Sir Richerd Ranson, parson of All Haloys in Waynflet, and to my sonne John Ranson, whome I make my executors, to dispose [*folio* 213] for the helthe of my soule, my father, my mother, with all crysten soulys. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Rissyll; Thomas Gleen; Robert Selby; with others.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

The testament of William Reyd [of Pinchbeck].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 252.]

20 April, 1530. I William Reyd of Pynchbek. My body to be buryd in the church yerde of Pynchbek. [*folio* 252*d.*] To the high alter xij*d.* To every alter within the sayd church ij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln for oblacion ij*d.* To the fatherles chyldren in St. Catheryns at Lincoln ij*d.* To William my sonne my house that I dwell in in fe symple; also vij acres arable lande lying all in on stowe under the same forme as is afore namyd; also a brasse pot with long fete, [etc.], and iiij*s.* and on arke, a leyd, xij stryke of whete, and he to receyve the sayd money, [etc.], of Alyson Benyworthe. To Helene my doughter the house that was John Hyottes the terme of her lyff, and on acr' of lande callyd Tubsey land with the croppe that is upon it in fe symple, [etc.]; and yff so be that she dy withowt heyres of hyr body, I will that the [premises] remane to William my sonne. To Helene my doughter ij kye, a browne and a brandyt; and I wyll that William my sonne do fynde her ij kye wynter mete and somer meit, [etc.]; and in defawte, I will that Helene do enter upon the sayd lande that was John Hyottes as her owne, that longyd to the house of the sayd John Hyottes. The resydewe of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of William my sonne, whome I orden my executor, to bring me forthe, [etc.]. I will that Helene my doughter do roll her selffe in Hyottes house and the landes that longes to it, she

payng for the fyne. Thes beyng wytnes, William Bewyk, prest; Thomas Reyd; Roger Pedder; with other.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD FAUKYS OF RYBY, [HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 162.]

21 April, 1530. I Richerd Faukes, husbandman, of Ryby. My body to be buryd in the parysh church. To the vicar of Ryby, my curate, iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the high alter for my forgotten tythys vj*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln vj*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d.* To my lord of Welhoo a bushyll of wheate and a bushyll of barley to have forgyfnes of all trespacys done unto the sayd house. To our Lady gylde at Ryby. To St. John gylde. To too housys of frerys at Grymesby to ether house a bushyll of whete. To Elizabeth Belsby. To a honest prest to syng for my soule and all crysten soulys for a hole yere iiij*l.* To William my sone. The resydue of my goodes to be devydyd in to iij partes, the fyrst parte wherof I bequeth to Elizabeth my wyff, and the ij other partes I gyff to my iij chyldren, William, Alice and Agnes. Also I orden William Frankes [*sic*], my sone, my executor. Thes men wytnes, Sir Jamys Claghton; William Sibotson; and William Frawe; wyth other. Gyffyn the day and yere abovesayd.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 23 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIMON PYKYLL [OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 197*d.*]

21 April, 1530. I Simon Pykyll of Bennyngton makys my testament, [etc.]. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of All Halloys in Bennyngton. To my Lord God a yowe and a lamme of the best for tithys forgotten viij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln, to her warkes iiij*d.*, and to St. Catheryns ij*d.* To every alter in the church of Bennyngton ij*d.* To the bellys mendyng viij*d.* To my wyff. To John and Richerd my sones. To Cesyll my maden. To Alison my doughter ij calffys and a skylde cowe, [etc.]. To Richerd Beare, my servaunt, Broke my mare. To John Robson a yow hog horned. To Simon Robson, my godson. To Catheryne Felde, my god doughtter. To Isabell Robson. [*folio* 198] To Richerd Beare. To Alison my doughter a coverlyd, bedstokes, and her mother brasse pot, [etc.]. Resydewe of goodes to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and John Robson to be oversear.

Thys is the last wyll of me Simon Pykkyll of Bennyngton husband', wrytten in the yere and date afore. I will that Margaret my wyff have her junter accordyng to her feoffment; [remainder] to Richerd my sone in fee simple; yff ought cum at the sayd Richerd or he cum at laufull age of xxjty yeres, I will it remane to John my sone; excepte ij acres, on acr' callyd Daw past'r, and a

nother callyd Myddyll Gate past'r; I will that the sayd ij pasters remane to the chylde that my wyff is wyth, yff God fortune it to lyff, and ij acres callyd Arlyklande, in fe symple. My chylder when they cum to xviij yeres of age to have ther landes to ther awn use. To John my sonne ix acres lande lying in Pallar. I will that Richerd Pynchbek, my brother in law, have John my sone and Alyson my doughter, and he to have the sayd lande in kepyng to fynde them unto the forsayd age. To John my sonne iij acres lande, lying in Freston, in fee symple. To Alyson my doughter on acr' and di' acr', aftyr the decease of John Bothby wyff, in fee symple. Yff it fortune John my sone dy or he cum at age, I will Richerd my sone enter the sayd lande. Yff it fortune all my chyldren dye or they cum at age, I gyff to John Robson and hys chylder iiij acres land lying in Pallar, next the mylne, in fee symple. The resydue of my landes I gyff to John Pykyll of Northorpe terme of hys lyff; and aftur hys decease, I will it be solde be my executors or be my feoffers and for to be disposyd in Bennyngton church in a preste syngyng and other charitable warkes; excepte iij acres lying in Pallar, callyd Penson lande, I will it be lyke [*folio* 198*d.*] maner solde be my feoffers, and the money theroff to be disposyd in the church of Freston in the warkes off marcy. Thes wytnes, Sir Roger Pyshe; John Sheperd; John Felde; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS ALYSBY OF DONYNGTON [ON BAIN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 175.]

22 April, 1530. I Thomas Alysby of Donyngton makys my last will. My body to be buried in the church yerde of saynt Andrew of Donyngton. To the hygh alter viij*d.* I bequethe to fynde on perpetuall light before the sacrament of the alter in Donyngton churche iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the payntyng of saynt Andrew iij*s.* iiij*d.* To our Lady warkes of Lincoln viij*d.* To the bellys of the church of Donyngton ij strykes of barly. To Henry, Richerd, Ralffe, Thomas and John my sonnes. To my brother chylder. I bequeth my copy of my house to Johanne my wyff her lyffe; [remainder in succession] to Henry, John, Ric', Ralffe and Thomas my sones. Resydew of goodes to Johanne my wyff, whome I make my hole executrix, that she dispose it for the helth of my soule. Wytnesse, Sir Henry Pullayn; Richerd Kyrke; Robert Yowton; and John Sorebe; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Horncastr', 6 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF HUGH SCHAWE [OF BOSTON, SKINNER].

[L.C.C., 1532-34, *f.* 9.]

22 April, 1530. I Hugh Schawe of Boston, skynner, makyth thys my testament, herin concludyng my last will. My body to be buryed within the churche of St. Botulphe of Boston by my wyff

afore our Lady of Pety, with my mortuary aftyr the acte of parliament late mayd, and the custom of the towne of Boston. I bequethe, for myn oblacions and tithes forgottyn, to the holy sacrament iij*s*. iiij*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To the pore chyldren at St. Catheryns withowt the barres at Lincoln xij*d*. I will that the iiij orders of frerys in Boston, as well prestes as other of the convent, bryng me furthe to the paryshe churche of St. Botulphe in Boston, ij and ij together to say placebo and dirige with commendacion over the nyght, yff it so fortune; and in the mornyng every preste of them, as can or may, say messe of *Scala Celi*, yff it be Wedensday, Fryday or Satterday; and then every preste of theym to have for hys payn and labor iiij*d*., and every novys and yong frere j*d*. Also I will that ther be spent at my buryall day, vijth day and xxxty day, at every day of theym onely by hit selff, in almys x*s*. in breyd or money. Also my buryall day, vijth day and xxxth day be generall to all prestes and clerkes that shall be ther present to say placebo and dirige with commendacion, ij and ij together, over the nyght; and in the mornyng the sayd prestes to say messe at *Scala Celi*, yff it so fortune it be Wednesday, Fryday or Setterday; and every one of them to have for hys labor and payn iiij*d*. I will that one hable prest syng for me, Margaret and Agnes, Emote, Margery and Jenet my wyffes, [*folio* 9*d*.] and William and Alice my fader and moder soules, and all my benefactors, and all crysten soulys, for the space of iiij yeres, in our Ladys qwere at Boston; and he to have for his stipende and wages v*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. to be payd yerely. I will that Jenet my wyff and my executrix, cause ij trentallys of xxx messys at *Scala Celi* to be sayd immediately aftyr my decesse in our Ladys qwere, Wedynsday, Fryday and Setterday, and the prestes that syng the messys to have in remembraunce the saule of me Hughe Schawe and my wyffes and my fader and mother and all other my benefactors, and to have for ther labor xx*s*. To Richerde Schawe. The resydue of my goodes I gyff them holy to Jenet my wyff, that is to say, my plate, my hustylment of housholde and catall not except, whom I make my executrix; and Richerd Ogle, the yonger, my supervisor.

Thys is the laste will of me Hugh Schawe. To Jenet my wyff all my landes and ten'tes lying in Skyrbek and Boston for terme of her lyff, she to kepe every yere an obyt duryng her lyff, as foloyth aftyr; and after her decesse to remayn to the gylde of our blessyd Lady founded in Boston for the terme of fowre skore and xix yeres fully to be completyd; and the alderman at the tyme beyng to put the sayd landes in feoffement to thuse of my soule, my wyffes and fader and mother and all my benefactors, and to the reformacion of my last will, so that the sayd landes ren not in daunger of the kynges lawes contrary to the statute of mortmayn, but rather to continue in feoffement to the performacion of thys my last will. And yff the kynges licence for mortmayn cannot be obteynyd within the sayd yeres, I will that the alderman and hys cobretherne at the tyme

beyng shall take upon them to sell the sayd landes and ten'tes, and dispose them for the welthe of my soule and all xp'en soules. Also I will ther be kepyd immediatly aftyr my decesse an obbyt annyversary in the gylde of our blessyd Lady, founded in the churche [*folio* 10] of Boston, by the alderman and hys cobretherne at the tyme beyng, and they to dispose at the tyme beyng uppon communycasien resonable had betwyxte the alderman, hys cobretherne and me Hugh Schawe [*sic*] of xvj*s*. viij*d*. yerely; and the sayd money to be disposyd under thys maner and forme foloyng: I will that ther be ij prestes at my yereday to say placebo and dirige and commendacion over the nyght, and messe in the mornyng, and they to have for ther labors xij*d*., and for our messe pennys for my soule, my wyffes and fader and moder vj*d*., to the belman iiij*d*., to the beadmen xiij*d*., to the woman that kepyth them j*d*., to the alderman of our Ladys gylde for kepyng the obbyt iiij*d*., to the clerke for the herse ij*d*., for the oblacion at our Ladys stok iiijd. I will that uppon All Soullys day and Good Fryday yerely, every day severally off theym selff, ther be gyffyn in almes to the pore people uppon All Saullys day x*s*., and also lykewyse uppon Good Fryday v*s*., it to be disposyd wher neyd is, and impotent and seke persons to have ther releyff of the same by the discrescion of the alderman and hys chamberlayns; and every one of theym alderman and ij chamberlayns to have for their labor and payn ij*d*. at the sayd days when it shall be disposyd; to the bellys xx*d*.; the resydue to gyff in almes. And I make Jenet my wyff my executrix, and Richerde Ogle my supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, Richerd Kellet; John Atkynson; William Walker; and Sir Robert Wytar, preste; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Boston, 9 April, 1532. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM SMYTH OF RYBY, [HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 165.]

25 April, 1530. I William Smyth, husbandman, of Ryby. My body to be buryed in the parysh church garthe of Ryby, and to my mortuary as use and custome is of holy church. To the high alter vj*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln vj*d*. To our Lady warkes iiij*d*. To William Tyndall. To owr Lady gylde a buschell of barly. To seynt John gyld a buschell of barley. To Richerd Smyȝght, my broder sone, a foole. To Thomas Smyȝght, hys broder. To Richerd Smyȝght, my broder. Resydwe of goodes to Alyson Smyȝght, my wyfe, whome I make my executryx. [*folio* 165*d*.] Thes men wytnes, Robert Chambres; Ric' Sigewyk; with other.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 27 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF CATHERINE MAGNUS [OF BURGH IN THE MARSH, WIDOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 210*d*.]

27 April, 1530. I Catheryne Magnus of Burgh in the Marche,

vidoy. [*folio* 211] My body to be buryed in the churche of St. Peter in Burgh. I gyff for forgottyn tithys xij*d*. To the churche warke vj*s*. viij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*., and to the offeryng xij*d*. To the fatherles chyldren at St. Catheryns at Lincoln iiij*d*. To the channons of Bullyngton xij*d*., and to the nunnys of the same place xij*d*. To ychon of the iiij orders of frerys in Boston x*s*. To William Magnus, George Magnus, Xp'ofer Magnus, Alice Magnus, Jenet Magnus, Jenet Whytyng, Alice Pyncrake, Robert Magnus and hys wyff, John Pyncrake and his wyff, Margaret Roper, Thomas Roper hyr sone, Robert Roper and Catheryne Roper. To Catheryne Langall xxvj*s*. viij*d*., [etc.], to be delyveryd to her when that she is xviij yeres of age; and yff she departe thys worlde before that age, the money to be disposyd in charytable warkes for the helthe of my soule, her soule and all crysten soulys. To Jane Pyncrake, my servant. The resydue of my goodes I put them to the disposicion of William Pyncrake, whome I make my executor. Wytnes, Sir John Pytchyll; John Browne; John Broddyng; and Xp'ofer Whytyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Partney, 5 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR JEFFREY SMYTH [OF MARSTON, PRIEST].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 266.]

28 April, 1530. I Syr Geffrey Smyth, prest, of Marston. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of our Lady off Marston. To the high alter iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the high alter of Hougham iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the bellys of Marston iiij*d*. To Xp'ofer Walker, my brother in lawe. To Margaret Walker, my syster. I will that William Smyth, my brother, and Xp'ofer Walker, my brother in law, do parte and shyfte the corne that is growing in Alyngton felde, as I and Crystofer Walker, my brother in lawe, shulde have done yf so had beyn that I had lyffyd. Resydewe of goodes to William Smyth, my brother, whome I make my executor. Thes wytnes, Sir John Wymarke, preste; William Tyler; Thomas Dawson; Raffe Turner; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 22 October, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF W. MALE OF FOSDYKE.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 158*d*.]

29 April, 1530. I William Male of Fosdyke. My body to be buryd wythin the church of Whaplod. And therfore I bequeth to the same church vj*s*. viij*d*. To the hygh alter of Fosdyke iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the hygh alter of Whaplod church xx*d*., and to the church warke of the same xx*d*. To our mother church warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Margaret and Isabell my doughters, either of them vj*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*., [etc.], when she comys to the age of xviij yeres; and yff either of them dye, she that overlyffys to have the others parte; and yff they both decease, I wyll ther be dysposyd in the

church of Whaplod vj*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* at the discrescion of iiij of the best men of the towne, and xx*s.* bestowyd in the church of Fosdyke; and the rest of the bequestes I put them to the disposicion of Margaret my wyff. Also I wyll that ther be a trentall song in the church off Whaplode for the helth of my soule, the soulys of my good frendes and all crysten soulys. Resydue of goodes to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix, and Mr Nicholes Robertson to be supervisor, [*folio* 159] havyng for hys labor too bullokes the wich I bought of John Thaker of Dammetes. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Cetton; Edmund Dawson; Edwardus Baynthorp; Thomas Idon; William Atkynson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 May, 1530.

The testament of John Kelsey [of Bilsby].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 215*d.*]

31 [*sic*] April, 1530. I John Kelsey of Byllesby. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Byllesby. To the high alter xx*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d.* To the makyng of the stepyll of Byllesby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the Rode of Thurlby xij*d.* To Edward Hudson. To John my sonne. To Agnes and Jenet my daughters. To Alice Hudson. To John and Robert my sonnes xij*s.* lande by yere lying in Stepyng evenly to be shyftyd betwyxt them during ther lyffys; and aftyr ther dethys to remane to Thomas my sone and to hys heyres for ever. I will that Robert my sonne and Agnes and Jenet my daughters have all my household good to be shyftyd emong them. I will that Thomas my sone and Edward Hudson my sonne in lawe, be my executors, and to have oversyght of my chylder. I will that John Purstone be supervisor, and he to se that they doy my childer right. Thes wytnes, sir Robert Lynley; John Punderson; Xp'ofer Richerdson; with moy.

Proved before P., at Alford, 6 October, 1530.

The testament of Thomas Bradley [of Sudbrook in the parish of Ancaster, husbandman].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 190.]

1 May, 1530. I Thomas Bradley of Sudbroke, husbandman, in the parysh off Ancastr'. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of St. Martyn of Ancastr'. To the vicar a kowe for to pray for me and for forgottyn tythes and other dewtys. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the churche of Ancastr' iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the sepulcar lyght of Ancastr' churche xiiij*d.* To the torchelight in the same churche xij*d.* To the bellys of Ancastr' churche xij*d.* To the church of Carleton Scrope xx*d.* To the chapell of St. Margaret att Sudbroke a yowe and a lamme. To Agnes my wyff iij kye, [etc.], and all her awn housholde stuff besyde and the iiijth part of my croppe thorow owt the feldys in full recompence and satisfaction of her thyrde part of my goodes; also the forsayd Agnes my wyff wyllyng to gyff on hyr awn good to Robert Bradley and Thomas Bradley,

my sonnys, a fatte and a here and the carte gere. The resydewe of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff to Robert Bradley and Thomas Bradley, my sonnys, whome I make my trew executors, that they may dispose it for the helthe of my soule. I make supervisors Henry Bradley and Robert Rowe, and they to have for ther labors iij*s*. iiij*d*. Wytnes therof, Sir William Torry ; Robert Palmer; William Coton ; John Horslay ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Asby, 31 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HOPKYNSON OF KYRTON IN HOLLAND.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 158.]

1 May, 1530. I Thomas Hopkynson of Kyrton in Holland. My body to be buryed in the church yerd of the appostells Peter and Paul. To the hygh alter for tythys forgottyn ij*s*., and to every alter besyde ij*d*. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln ij*d*., and to the orphans chyldren ij*d*. I wyll that Maryon my wyff have my house callyd Palmer house to my son Thomas be off lawfull age; [remainder] to Jenet my doughtter. Resydue of my goodes to Maryon my wyff, whome I make my executrice. Thes wytnes, Sir Thomas Ashley ; Richerd Grene ; John Gusse; with other moy, yff nede require.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF ALAN BARNABE OF KYRTON [IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 194.]

2 May, 1530. I Alane Barnabe of Kyrton in Holand. My body to be buryed in the church of the blessyd appolstells Peter and Paule of Kyrton ; and [*folio* 194*d*.] I bequeth for my mortuary as the law requirys. To the high alter for forgottyn tythys xx*d*. To the reparacion of the church of Kyrton iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the reparacion of our Lady alter xij*d*. To St. Nicholes alter iiij*d*. To the Trinite gylde on yow with ij lammys. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the orphans of St. Catheryns iiij*d*. To Elizabeth my wyff my hed mansyon with the appurtenaunce dewryng her lyff ; [remainder in succession to Thomas, Richard and Peter my sons in tail, to Elizabeth my daughter for life, and to John Barnabe my brother of Easykes in tail]. To Elizabeth my wyff on house with iij acres lande lying under it in Skeldyke duryng her lyff ; [remainder in succession to Richerd, Thomas and Peter my sons in tail, to Elizabeth my daughter for life, and to Thomas Stallworth my brother's son of Frampton in tail]. To Richerd my sone ij acres and on rode arrable land lying in Smythmarshe, and on acr' and iij roodes in Burnam felde in fe symple ; on acr' di' past'r that holdeth of Multon Hall, ij acres arrable lande of the same holde in fe symple ; and v oxganges of marshe in Palmer. To Peter my sone ij acres past'r lying in Herne Hunne, on acr' di' arrable land lying in Aldyke, on acr' iij roodes in Markyt Sted felde, and di' acr' in Marshe Hurne, and v roodes lying at Clement Cross in fee symple. [*folio* 195] To Thomas my sonne

iiij acres arrable land lying in Aldyke Felde in fee symple, and iiij acres and di' lying in Taskertofte in fee symple. To Elizabeth my doughter all my landes in Wyberton in fee symple. To Richerd my sone fyve roodes land lying in Aldyk Felde, and on acr' lande and on roode lying at Ballywalle in fee symple, yff the law will suffer hym to have it. To Thomas my sone and to hys heyres of hys body on house callyd Stevenson house with the grounde under it, to performe the covvenantes of an indentur mayde betwyxte my brother, John Barnabe, and me Alayn Barnabe; [remainder in succession to Richard and Peter my sons and John Barnabe in tail] to performe the sayd covenantes of the indentur. To Elizabeth my wyff. To Peter my sone iij*l.* at the age of xviij yeres. To Catheryne Barnabe. To Thomas Stowerd, my brother sone, on yong red dowyd qwy with her calffe. To Catheryne hys syster. I will that Richerd my sonn have hys gryndyng att my horse mylne with hys owne horse, and to do reparacions of it for hys parte. To Adlarde Thomson. Resydew of goodes to Thomas and Rycherd my sones, whome I make my executors to dispose my goodes to the most pleasure of God and the helth of my soule. And I will that Thomas Stalworth, my brother, of Frampton, and Ric' Murrye of Kyrton and William Manne of the same be supervisors. Thes wytnes, Sir John Bruster; John Lamberd, of Kyrton; John Thomson, of the same; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS DOUGHTTY OF IMYNGHAM, [HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 174*d.*]

2 May, 1530. I Thomas Doughtty of Imyngham, husbandman, seke in body. My body to be buryed within the chyrchyerd of saynt Androy in Imyngham. I wytt to the high alter xij*d.* To our Lady of Lincoln a pare of jeate beades. To the kyrke warke of Imyngham iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the iiij orders of frerys. I wytt to saynt John chapell xx*d.* I wyt to saynt Jamys di' li' wax. I wyt to the rode lyght xvj*d.*, to be payd in iiij yeres. To our Lady light callyd the Whyte Lady xvj*d.*, to be payd in viij yeres. To my chyldren and my wyff chyldren, beyng maryed, every on of them ij hogges to the use of ther chyldren, excepte Jenyn, and he to have but on hogge. I wyt to saynt John di' li' wax. To saynt Anne di' li' wax. To our Lady of Pety iiij*d.* I wyll my wyff fynde a light before saynt Androy within the parysh church of Imyngham for evermore. I wytt to Elizabeth Wyllyngham ij oxen callyd Harte and Goldyng, ij stotte calffys, a horse called Begger, [etc.]. To Richerd Farroy and Elizabeth. To George Wyllyngham and Agnes. To Malde Doughtty. To William Wyllyngham and Richerd hys brother. To Wylliam Doughty. I wyt to every on of my godchyldren j*d.* Resydewe of goodes to Cecile my wyff, whome I orden my executrix. Wytnes, Sir Thomas Awnger, vic'; Ric' Alanby; Robert Kelsay; John Cavell; et aliis.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 5 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROBERT THOMSON OF ELLESHAM.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 165*d.*]

2 May, 1530. I Robert Thomson of Ellesham, with a hole mynd and good a vysement, [etc.]. My body to be buryed within the chyrchyerde of All Halloys of Ellesham. I wyll that my wyff be my executor. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To the hygh alter of Ellesham xij*d.* To our Lady light viij*d.* To saynt Peter lyght viij*d.* To the Austyn frerys of Grymesby for v messys doyng at *Scala Celi* ij*s.* j*d.* To the gray frerys for v messys to be sayd xx*d.* To John Thomson, my sonne, xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, with a mayr and her foloyer. To John Balys. To Thomas, my sonne, xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, my red stag, [etc.]. To the brether of Ellesham abbay xij*d.* To every of my godchylder j*d.* To Henry Parke. To Gregory Parke. To Sir John Ayntony for v messys sayng xx*d.* To John Parke of Ellesham. Resydue of goodes to Jenet my wyff, my executrix. Wytnes herof, John Parke of Ellesham, husbandman; Richerd Sergeaunt, husbandman; William Holm, husbandman; John Sergeaunt, husbandman; John Balys; John Thomson.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 27 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN BOTHEBY [OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 200.]

4 May, 1530. I John Bothby of Bennyngton. My body to be buryd in the church yerd of All Halloys in Benyngton, and to my Lord God and in honor of hym I gyff a shepe hog. To our Lady of Lincoln to hyr warkes ij*d.* To St. Catheryns j*d.* To every alter in our church ij*d.* For tithys forgotten vj*d.* To Will' my sone. To Richerd my sone. To Isabell my doughter. To my wyff ij marys, Broke and Mope, [etc.]. To Margaret Loydon. To Isabell and Jenet my doughters ij stayk calffes, [etc.]. Resydew of goodes to William my sone, whome I make my executor, and Sir Rober Pyshey over sear. Thes wytnes, William Bothby; William Tylney; William Beare; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RIC' HOOTON [OF STALLINGBOROUGH].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 325*d.*]

4 May, 1530. I Richerd Hooton of the paryshyng of Stallyngburgh. My body to be buryd in the kyrke of St. Peter of the forsayd towne. I will that Cristofer Botton and other my cofeoffys namyd in my dede of feoffement, beryng date 4 May, 22 Henry VIII [A.D. 1530], shall stande and be feoffys of and in my messe buldyd with a close in Stallyngburgh to the sayd messe pertenyng, to the use of

Robert Huton, my brother, and hys heyres and assygns for evermore. To the high alter of the sayd kyrk for tithys forgottyn xij*d*. To every light in the forsayd kyrke iiij*d*. I witt to our mother kyrke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the chapell of saynt Avbur viij*d*. I will that on honest prest shall celebrat and syng messys for the helth of my soule and of all my kynsfolkes and all crysten soulys the space of on hole yere in the forsayd kyrke, and he to have for hys labor v*l*. vj*s*. viij*d*. I wyll that ther be distributyd emonge pore people of the sayd towne xl*s*. The resydewe of my goodes not wyt I put to Robert Hoton, my brother, whome I orden my executor. Thes wytnes, Sir John Stevenson, the vicar of the sayd towne; William Troyt; and Edward Watson; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Castr', 17 March, 1530, by the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF ROWLAND JAKSON [OF HOLYWELL].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 255*d*.]

4 May, 1530. I Roland Jakson of Holywell. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Holywell, and my mortuary as custome is. To the high alter a quarter barly. To our Lady of Lincoln a stryke of barly. To George my sonne. To Joes, Agnes and Margaret my doughters. To a lampe afore our Lady of Holywell a quarter of barly. To the rode a quarter of barly. To every on of my godchyldren. Resydewe of goodes to Collecte my wyff, whome I make my executrix, she to dispose them as she thynkes best for the helthe of my soule and the mariages of my doughters. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Stone, vicar; Syr Roger Harbey; Henry Plawys; and other.

Proved before P., at Creton, 23 September, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM BARKER OF LINCOLN.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 170*d*.]

5 May, 1530. I William Barker of Lincoln, in the parysh of saynt Cuthbert. My body to be buryed within the church of saynt Cuthbert before our Lady of Pety. To the high alter of saynt Cuthbert xij*d*. To the high alter of our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*., and to our Lady warkes xij*d*. To the clerkes gylde a sylver spone to the valewe of on ownce and a quarter, with a shorte starte, by that condicion that they say at ther generall dynner for my soule every yere *De profundis*. To every of the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln xx*d*. in that condicion that they say at every of ther places for my soule Placebo, Dirige and Messe. I will that a trentall of messes be sayd the day of my departyng within the church of saynt Cuthbert x*s*. Furthermore, I will that my house with all the perteynynges therto belongyng, that I bought off Mr Edward Grantham, in the parysh of saynt George, be solde and done for the wele of my soule; and that Mr doctor Talbot, subdeane of the cath' church have it better chepe then any other. I will that all my instrumentes

that I wyrke with, as axe, hatchet, wymbylles, sawys, pincers and such other, be solde and done for the well of my soule ; and all my trays, otherwyse callyd hurdyls, for shepe be solde ; and all these thynges to be solde for the fyndyng of a prest to syng for my soule at saynt Cuthbertes church so long as all to be solde will and may extend, besyde and beyonde a yere salary and service for my sone Sir John Barker, whome I will, sone aftyr he be prest, to syng at saynt Cuthbertes church before our Lady of Pety on hole yere ; and that he be at bed and borde all that twelffe monythys wyth hys mother and hys syster of ther costes; and for hys wages to have liij*s*. iiij*d*. To my sayd son Sir John Barker [*folio* 171] a sylver spone folden with a figur of St. John Baptist in the top, [etc.] ; also the horcherd with the puore aley in Beamund rent, with the too closes and house, with all the pertenynges to the forsayd orchard and closes, duryng hys lyff; and aftyr hys decease, they shall returne to my dowghter, Johanne Barker, and to the heyres of hyr body ; to the wich Johanne I gyff xl*s*., [etc.]; and she to be with Jenet my wyff unto she be maryed, and to be founde of my goodes ; and lykewyse aftyr she have a husband, yff her mother and she so be content. To the sayd Johanne all my housys, messys, tenementes, [etc.], in Lincoln, after the decease of Jenet my wyff, to her and to her heyrys male of hyr body ; and for lak of heyres male, to the heyres generall of her body ; and yff she and her chylder dye withowt issue of ther bodyes, then I will my sonne, Sir John Barker, shall joye and have all the [premises] the terme off hys lyff, and shall have full power and strenkyth to sell and to dispose them for the well of my soule and all our kynne soulys. But yff my fornamyd doughter or any of her heyres generall of hyr body lyff and contynew aftyr the forsayd John Barker be ded, then I wyll that the last of that tale shall sell and dispose all the [premises] for the welle of all our soulys and all crystyn soulys. The resydewe of my goodes I gyff to Jenet Barker, my wyfe, whome I make my sole executrix to gyff, to use and to dispose them for the wele of my soule, as shall be seme to her most best expedyent. Notwythstandyng, yff Jenet my wyff be wed agane, then I will that she be expellyd and utterly putt from all my tenementes, houses, [etc.], that I have in Lincoln, and my sayd sone Sir John to hafe the on halff of the tenementes, and the sayd Johanne my doughter to have the other parte. And where Jenet my wyff shulde have all the resydewe of my goodes, beyng wydoy, iyff she take her another husband, then I will that the goodes be devydyd into too partes equally, and she to have the on halffe, and the other halff to be devydyd indifferently betwyxt my sone and my doughter ; my dettes and my legaces to be takyn and expent of my hole goodes at the syght of Mr William Sherp, whome I orden superviser. It is my will that my wyff be executrix, and cause to be done a perpetuall obbit of x*s*. at saynt Cuthbertes church in Lincoln, in our Lady chapell, abowt the tyme and day of my departyng owt of thys worlde, aftyr thys forme foloyng : the parysh prest of saynt Cuthbertes to have x*d*. ; the parysh clerk for hys labor and

ryngyng viij*d.* ; to x honest prestes to syng at the dirige, and there to say messes the morne aftyr, iij*s.* iiij*d.* ; to x parysh clerkes to syng at dirige and at the messe xx*d.* ; with x prestes and x clerkes to be at the election and assignement of the doers of the obbyt ; to the church gravys for v tapers to the herse x*d.* ; and in almys to pore people ij*s.* viij*d.* ; and so yerly wylst she lyffes ; and when she is departyd, then the that shall fortune to have my tenementes, [etc.], shall cause thys annuall obbyt to be done with thys x*s.* to be performyd for ever. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Robert Turner ; Mr Ric' Taylour, baker ; and Richerd Sampson ; with many other.

Proved before P., in the cathedral church of Lincoln, 2 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS HAYLAND [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 196.]

6 May, 1530. I Thomas Hayland of Kyrton in Holand. My body to be buryed in the church yerd off the blessyd app'ells Peter and Paule, and in the name off my mortuary as the law requiryth. To the high alter xij*d.* To every alter in Kyrton church ij*d.* To the reparacions off our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d.* To the orphans at St. Catheryns ij*s.* To the reparacion of the churche of Kyrton ij*s.* To Agnes my doughter di' on acr' of land lying at Simon Ware, to her and to her heyres of her body ; [remainder] to Margaret my doughter and her heyres of her body ; [remainder] to the next of my blode. To Margaret my doughter di' on acr' of hempe land and to the heyres of her body ; [remainder] to Agnes my doughter and the heyres of her body ; [remainder] to the next of my blode. To Agnes my wyff the resydewe off my landes that I have in Kyrton her lyff ; [remainder] to the chylde in her wombe, yff it be a sonne, and to hys heyres of hys body ; [remainder] to my doughters and to ther heyres of ther bodyes ; [remainder] to the next of my blode. And yff it so fortune that the chylde in the wombe of my wyff be a doughter, then I will that Agnes and Margaret my doughters have all my landes that I have gyffyn to my wyff equally to be devydyd emonges them aftyr the decease of my wyff, and to ther heyres of ther bodyes. Yff my wyff fortune to mary, I will that she delyver my chyldren bequestes to Thomas Bronde at the day of her mariage. To Robert my servant. Resydewe of my goodes to Agnes my wyff, whome I make my executrice. I will that Humfrey Heland, my brother, be supervisor. Thes wytnes, Sir Thomas Ashlay ; Thomas Brande, of Kyrton ; John Donyngton, of the same ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MELL [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 192.]

6 May, 1530. I Thomas Mell. My body to be buryed in the churchyerde of All Haloys in Fryskney. To our Lady warke of

Lincoln xij*d.* To my curat iij*s.* iiij*d.* [*folio* 192*d.*] To every on of the gyldys in the churche of Fryskeney iiij*d.* To the churche warkes iij*s.* iiij*d.* To makyng of the high way in Swannys Meer xij*d.* To Isabell my wyff iiij kye and my balde mare, [etc.]. To Agnes, Elizabeth and Grace my doughters. To Thomas my sonne on iij yere old yong mare the wich ambles, and on stag. To William my sonne a scheder burlyng. To Margaret and Johan my doughters. To Isabell my wyff and Thomas my sonne my bote wyth my fyshyng gere. To every on of Thomas Godfreys chyldren. To Agnes Smyth. To Isabell my wyff my house in Smalney with the appurtenaunces therto belongyng for her lyff; and after her decease, to Thomas my sonne, to hym hys heyres and assignes for ever. Resydewe of my goodes to Isabell my wyff and to Thomas my sonne, whome I make my executors to pay my dettes, and dispose it for my soule, my father soule, my mother soule and all crysten soulys. Wytnes heroff, Sir John Wayll; Sir John Geffreyson; Thomas Godfrey; and William Trowtyng; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530. Admin. granted to Isabel the relict, reserving power to grant to Thomas the son and co-executor, when he shall come to lawful age.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN RICHMOND OF KYRTON IN HOLLAND.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 157*d.*]

6 May, 1530. I John Rychmond of Kyrton in Holand. My body to be buryd in the church of Kyrton, and for my mortuary accordyng to the statutes of the parliament. To the hygh alter for forgottyn tythys vj*d.*, and to our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d.*, and to the orphans of saynt Catheryns vj*d.* To Jenet my wyff x*l.* To John my sone. To Margaret my doughter. To Anthony Richmond; Isabell Richmond; Anne Wyllos; John Slyght, my godsun; Alice Persy, my doughter in law; John Percy, her husband; John Harcastyll wyff; Wylliam the sonne of John Harcastyll; and Margaret my syster. To my syster, Dorothe Brewster, on gyrdyll that was my moders. To John [*folio* 158] my sonne. To William Stevenson, my sonne in law. To Robert Scamond. To every order of frerys in Boston v*s.* I wyll ther be on trentall done for me within the church of Kyrton. Resydue of my goodes to Jenet my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I will that Sir John Brewster be supervisor. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Sir Thomas Cheney of Kyrton; Thomas Polys of the same; John Percy of Boston; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Boston, 17 May, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN MORE [OF FRISKNEY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 212.]

7 May, 1530. I John More of Fryskney. My body to be buryed wythin the churche of All Haloys of Fryskney. To our Lady of Lincoln on pare of awmber beades. To the ornamentes

of the high alter in the churche of Fryskney vj*d*. To every alter in the sayd churche iiij*d*. To Thomas Westmelles; Jenet Westmelles; and Thomas Crooke of Halton, my godsun. Resydewe of goodes and catellys to Margarete my wyff, to Sir Robert Westmellys and[1] Fryskney, prest, and to Benedict Croke of Halton, my brother in lawe, whome I make my executors. Thes beyng wytnes, Thomas Kyme of Fryskney, esquier; Richerd Pynchbek of the same; and Robert Woodroff of the same; and other.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 5 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET HAMOND OF WADYNGTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 160.]

8 May, 1530. I Marget Hamond. My body to be buryed within the church of All Halloys of Wadyngton; and to the hygh alter of the same vj*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To my syster, Agnes Bowers; my cosyn, Sir Robert Hamond, prest; my cosyn, Thomas Hamond, sun of Robert Hamond; the thre doughtters of my brother, John Hamond; the too doughtters of my brother, Robert Hamond; Sir Jamys Porter; Peter my cosyn; Anne Rycrofte. The rest off my goodes to my brother, Robert Hamond, whome I make my executor, that he may dispose for my soule and my frendes soulys and all crysten soulys. Thes wytnes, Thomas Colsun; Wylliam Masyn; and Sir Jamys Peter, prest.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 20 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SHEPERDE, [THE YOUNGER OF BENINGTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 198*d*.]

8 May, 1530. I John Sheperde, the yonger, of Benyngton, makes my testament, [etc.]. My body to be buryd in the church of All Halloys in Bennyngton. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To the fatherles chylder at St. Catheryns withowt Lincoln iiij*d*. To the ornament of the sacrament of Bennyngton church xij*d*. To the ornament of our Lady alter in Bennyngton church viij*d*. To the ornament of Corpus Xp'i alter ther viij*d*. For tithys forgotten viij*d*. To Alice and Agnes my doughters xxty markes to be devydyd betwyxte them, and also x markes for ther chamber. To Isabell, Margaret, Elizabeth and Jenet my doughters, [under age and unmarried]. I will that Cecile my wyff fynde John my sone at skole to he be xxiiij yeres of age. Resydew of goodes [*folio* 199] to Cecile my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes wytnes, Sir Roger Pyshe; Sir William Roper; Sir John Fendyke; Thomas Stedman; and other moy. I will that Mr John Fryskney off Bennyngton be supervisor.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

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[1] *Rectius* 'of'.

THE TESTAMENT OF SARE EDMUND [OF SUTTON IN HOLLAND, HUSBANDMAN].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 250.]

10 May, 1530. I Sare Edmund of Sutton in Holand, husbandman, trustyng in God and in the sacrament of holy churche, [etc.]. [*folio* 250*d.*] My body to be buryd in the church yerde of our blessyd Lady at Sutton. To the high alter. To the vicar of Sutton for tithys forgottyn ij*s.* viij*d.* To the church warke of our Lady in Sutton. To the mother chyrch of our Lady of Lincoln vj*d.* To the orphans at the house of St. Catheryns withowt the wallys of Lincoln ij*d.* To St. Thomas light iiij*d.* To St. John light, our Lady light and the Trinite light iiij*d.* [apiece]. To every light in the same churche j*d.* To the gylde of St. Thomas the Martir within the sayd church xxvj*s.* viij*d.* My houshoulde stuffe to be equally devydyd emong my wyffe and Mawde and Agnes my doughters, [etc.]. I will that the cupborde that standes in my house and a gyrdyll harnesyd with sylver remane with the sayd house as implementes, so long as my wyff or eny of my chyldren do dwell in the same. To Mawde and Agnes my doughters the day of mariag. I will that yff the chylde my wyff is with the day of makyng of thys my present will be a woman chylde, William and Thomas my sonnes delyver to her the day of her mariage v marc', [etc.]. And the sayd William and Thomas to have for the same iij acr' lande in Wantonsgate and v acres of lande in Dyesgate to them, ther heyres and assignes for ever. To Johan Edmund, Catheryne Edmund and Helene Edmund, my brother Robert Edmund doughters, every on of them xl*d.* the day of ther mariage. To Johanne Edmund, my servant, a burnyng cowe calffe, [etc.]. [*folio* 251] To Johan my syster. To Henry Paynetes ij chylder. To every of my godchylder. To Robert Jakson.

Thys is the last will of me the forsayd Sare Edmund. To Agnes my wyff my house that I do dwell in and xij acres of lande belongyng to the same the terme of her lyff, upon that condicion, that William my sone shall enter and occupy the on halffe of the house and lande when he cumyth to the age of xxj yeres, and then to perceyve and take halffe the proffyttes, [etc.]. And yff it fortune him to departe without heyres of hys body before he cum to xxjty yeres, then I will it remayn to Thomas my sonne in lyke manner; [remainder] to Mawde and Agnes my doughters and to the chylde my wyff is with, yff it be a womanchylde, and to the heyres of ther bodyes, [remainder to] be solde and the money receyved for the same to be disposyd for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys. To Thomas my sonne ix acres and a halffe of land lying in Crosgate, wheroff v acres and a halffe sumtyme wer Henry Lambert, to hym, hys heyres and assignes, Agnes my wyff [taking the profits till] he come to the age of xviij yeres; [remainder] to Wyll'm my sonne, hys heyres and assygnes for ever; [remainder, if William die under 18,] to Mawde and Agnes my doughters [*folio* 251*d.*] and the chylde

that my wyff is with, yff eny of them be then lyffyng, to have to them, ther heyres and assignes for ever. To the chylde my wyff is with, [if it] be a man chylde, iij acres of lande in Wantonsgate, and v acres of lande in Dyesgate, to hym, hys heyres and assygnes for ever; and yff he departe before he cum to the age of xviij yeres, I will it remayn to Thomas and William my sonnys, ther heyres and assignes for ever. I will that iij acres of lande in Crossegate be solde, and the money therof receyvyd to be disposyd emonges pore people within the chirch of Sutton to pray for my soule and all crysten soulys. I will that my executors [*sic*] cause a prest to syng for my soule and all crysten soule within the church of Sutton by the space of a quarter of on yere, and he to gyff hym for hys labor xxvj*s*. viij*d*. I will that my wyff bake a seame of wheate in tyme of lente next cumyng, and to dispose the same in dedes of almys emong pore people in the parysh church, by the oversyght off my executor. Resydew of goodes to Thomas Edmunde, whome I constitute my executor. Mr Anthony Irby to be supervisor. I gyff up the surrendre of all my landes abovesayd to the use of thys my wyll into the handes of Robert Woorshyp. Thes wytnes, Ewyn Masse; William Blakborne; Richerd Kyng; Robert Worshyp; Simon Edmund; Thomas Marke; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Swyneshed, 19 October, 1530.

The testament of Thomas Gretham [of South Ormsby].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 209.]

10 May, 1530. I Thomas Gretham of Sowthormesby. My body to be buryed in the church yerde, with my mortuary that the lawe will. To the high alter of St. Leonerde of Ormesby for tithys forgotten iiij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the gylde of St. James in Ormesby iiij*d*. To v prestes for saying v messys the day of my buryall xx*d*. To Xp'ofer Chelys. To Agnes Brande. Resydewe of goodes to Margaret my wyff, whome I make my executrix. Thes wytnes, Sir Ric' Mychyll, Sir Richerd Stabulforth, parysh prestes.

Proved before P., at Horncastr', 4 October, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

The testament of Thomas Kylham of Horblyng.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 160.]

10 May, 1530. I Thomas Kylham of the parysh of Horblyng. My body to be buryed in the chapell of our Lady wythin the parysh church. To Elizabeth Denton, my doughter in law, fowr of my obligacions of xx*l*. a pece, wych wyth more my lorde Hussy owyth to me. To my cosyn, Sir Wylliam Chamber, my ferme in Gosberton, Quadryng and Surflet duryng the yeres of the lease wych I have of Morice Barkeley, on of the heyres off [*folio* 160*d*.] Sir Thomas Delayland therupon. I will that all my plate and all other my

goodes, excepte my houshold stuff, be devydyd in ij partes, of the wich on halff I wyll be disposyd in payng my dettes and legacies and other charitable warkes for the soulys of me and of Jane my wyff and off our parentes, kynsfolkes, with other our frendes soulys, and the other halff I gyff to my wyff, to the wich Jane I also bequeth all my houshold stuff. I wyll that the profyttes of my purchesyd land lying in Horblyng be apployid for the space off xv yeres after my decease to the fyndyng of a prest to pray for our soulys above rehersyd continually the sayd xv yeres in the chapel of our Lady aforesayd; and after the xv yeres be endyd, I will all the sayd land remane to Thomas Denton, my sone in law, and to hys heyres, under thys condicion, that he do not wythin the sayd xv yeres make sale of any parte of hys inheritaunce lying within the parysh of Horblyng wych he was borne unto; [otherwise] my feoffers shall stand styll feoffyd therin to the use of a prest to pray for my soule in the sayd chapell continually so long as the kynges lawys wyll it suffer, or other laufull provision may be mayd therfore. And after that, I wyll my sayd purchesyd land be solde be my feoffers, and the money therof commyng to be disposyd for our soulys above specyfyed, att the syght and advice of the churchwardens and other honest paryshoners of Horblyng; provydyd alway that all the surplusage of the rentes over and besyde the salary of the prest be disposyd in reparillyng [*folio* 161] of the ornamentes of the sayd chapell, and furthermore as it will extende to the necessary chargys of the parysh church continually, so long as the rentes shall be apployid to the fyndyng of a prest. To the mother church warke of Lincoln iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the hygh alter of Horblyng for tithys forgotten ij*s*. To the church warke at Horblyng xl*s*. To our Lady lyght ther ij*s*. To the rode lyght ther iij*s*. iiij*d*. To Roger Braddok, Rayff Jakson, Richerd Hodgeson, Thomas Remy, Wylliam Watson, Robert Pashmore and Thomas Bulle, my servants, xxvj*s*. viij*d*. To Margaret Borne, my wyff servant. To George Denton, my sone in law. To John Coryar my blak geldyng callyd Blak of the Vale. I wyll that the sayd George Denton and Richerd Denton, hys brother, shall after the decease of Jane my wyff have to ether of them yerly duryng ther lyffys vj*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*., accordyng to the tenour of my recovery mayd upon the landes lying in Sutton St. Jamys, St. Edmund and St. Mary Tyd in the countie of Lincoln, and in St. Gylys Tyd in the countie of Cambrige. I make Jane my wyff, Sir Wylliam Chambre my cosyn and Edward Grenhawgh my executors; and my lorde abbot of Peterborow to be supervisor. And I will that my lord of Peterborow have for hys labor too amblyng geldynges, wych go in the close besyd John Browne, [etc.]. In wytnes heroff, Mr Langham of Leicestr', my cosyn; Sir William Chamber; John Coryar; Roger Brodak; Raff Jakson; and George Denton; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 21 May, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD TREWE OF ELLESHAM.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 176.]

14 May, 1530. I Richerd Trewe of Ellesham. I wyt my soule to allmyghtty God, to our Lady Saynt Mary and to all the sayntes in heven. My body to be buryd in the church yerde. I wyt to our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d.* To our Lady gylde of Ellesham xij*d.* To the Augustyn frerys and Gray frerys of Grymesby for on trentall x*s.* To the vicar of Ellesham for tythys forgotten xij*d.* Resydewe of goodes to Alyson my wyff to dispose for the helth of my soule as she wyll answer afore the high Juge of heven. I wyt that my wyff be my executrix. Thes men wytnes, Sir John Whaplode, vic'; Edward Hopkynson; and Richerd Hewton; and other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 25 July, 1530. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD JOHNSON [OF KEELBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 232.]

15 May, 1530. I Richerd Johnson. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of St. Bartholomew in Keylby. I wyt to our Lady of Lincoln xviij*d.* To our Lady gylde in Keleby. To the roode light. To the bellys. To the sacrament iij*s.* iiij*d.* I bequeth x*s.* for a trentall of messys. [*folio* 232*d.*] To every on of my godchylder within Keleby a pek of whete. To my wyff too kye. To my too sonnys too sterys, my eldest sone a nox stere and my yong sonne a qwye. I bequeth my house to my wyff as long as she is in lyffe and holde her unmaryed; and if she mary, my heldest sonne for to have it continuyng my yeres. To George Johnson, my brother. Resydewe of goodes to my wyff and my ij chylder, wich I make my executors; and Will'm Burwell for to have the governyng of my chylder. Wytnes heroff, Sir Will'm Greneall; Henry Banton; Thomas Robynson; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Castr', 10 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM COGYLL [OF ALFORD].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 321*d.*]

18 May, 1530. I William Cogyll of Alforde. My body to be buryd in the parysh churche yerde. To the ornamentes of the high alter ther iiij*d.* To every alter iiij*d.* To St. George light iiij*d.* To our Lady light in the sowth qwere iiij*d.* To King Henry light iiij*d.* To the steple of Alforde vj*s.* viij*d.* To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d.* I bequeth for on trentall of messys to be celebrat and done in the church of Alforde x*s.* To Jenet my doughter, the yonger, xl*s.* To Jenet my doughter, the elder, xxvj*s.* in money or peny worthys. To Margaret my doughter xxvj*s.* viij*d.* in lyke manner. And the aforesayd bequests to be delyveryd at the age of xviij yeres or at the day of ther mariages, [etc.]. To Jenet my wyff the rest of all my goodes, [etc.]; and I make her and Thomas

Webster of Alforde my executors. I make Mr Will'm Johnson, the vicar of Alforde, supervisor. Thes beyng wytnes, Mr Will'm Johnson, vicar of Alford; John Keale, and Will'm Walker, of the same.

Proved before P., at Tottyll, 13 March, 1530, by the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN CURTIS OF GREAT STRETTON.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 172.]

18 May, 1530. I John Curtes of Gret Stretton. My body to be buryed in the church yerde of Alhalloys in Stretton. To our Lady warke of Lincoln viij*d*. To the high alter in Stretton churche viij*d*. To the upholdyng of the sepulcre lyght in the forsayd church on yow schepe. To the parysh church of Hemyngby on bushyll barly. I will that all my goodes be devydyd in thre partes: on parte to Alice my wyff; the secunde parte to my chylder, and yff other of them dye afore they be maryed, I will then hys parte shall remane to the other lyffyng in the handes and custody of Alice my wyff, to the use of noryshyng and bryngyng up of the chyldren to that time that she do mary agane, and then she to delyver the said goodes to Wylliam Curtes, my fader; and if he departe owt of thys worlde, I will the goodes be deliveryd to William Curtes and Robert Curte [*sic*], my breder; of the thyrde part my dettes to be payd, [etc.], and the resydewe to be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, by the discrestion of William Curtes, my father, and Alice my wyff, whome I orden my executors. Wytnes heroff, Sir Ric' Johnson, vic' of Stretton; Thomas Curtes; John Adyson; William Butter; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Callestrop, 27 June, 1530. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR ANDREW YONG.

[L.C.C., 1535-37, *f.* 68*d*.]

18 May, 1530. I Sir Andro Yong. My body to be buryed in the paryshe churche yerde of St. Powles with in the Closter; yff I departe at Grenewiche, then I wyll my body be buryed in the freres ther, or ellys wher God shall be pleasyd. To Margaret Alen, my cosyn, my lyttyll sylver potte; and aftyr her decesse, I will it remayn to Robert Aleyn, my godsun. I will that the sayd Robert Aleyn have all my bokes. Resydue of goodes [*folio* 69] to Margaret Aleyn, whome I make myn executrix, and she to bryng me furthe, [etc.]. Thes beyng wytnes, Mr Robert Cottes, one of the Kynges chapell; doctor Hyckman, pety canon of Pollys; Robert le Yoman; Syr Richerde Stephynson, paryshe preste of Wyberton; Sir Robert Alger, chauntry preste of the same towne; Sir John Markeby, preste; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 21 October, 1535. Admin. granted to the executrix.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BERRY OF USSYLBY.

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 173*d.*]

19 May, 1530. I Thomas Bery of Vssylby. My body to be buryed in the church of saynt Margaret off Vssylby. To the high alter xx*d.* for tithys forgotten. To the hygh alter of our mother chyrch of Lincoln vj*d.*, and to our Lady warkes of Lincoln vj*d.* I wyll that a trentall of messys off saynt Gregory be done for my soule at Vssylby. I bequeth vj*s.* viij*d.* to the fyndyng of a light before saynt Margaret in Vssylby church. To John my sone on pare of borden bedstokkes, on cownter, on bynkbord, on forme that standes before the cownter, a yerd and di' of kendall, on habell muke carte with a pare of whelys, my best nepe yoke, my best stee or lether. To Isabell Fedde. I will that Edan my wyff shall have my house in Vssylby, wher I and she now dwellys, with all the landes, medoys and pastur to the sayd house belongyng, unto the feest of the appostellys Phylip and Jamys in the yere 1532, upon the condicion that she do not marry nor dwell and inhabyt owte of the sayd house ; [otherwise] I wyll that my sone John shall have the [premises] to hym and to hys heyres for ever. To Edan my wyff for the terme of her lyff on cottage with on ley of past'r in Vssylby, the wich I bought of Phylip Cowper; and after her dethe they shall remane to Thomas my sone for ever. To Edan my wyff the thyrd parte of all my goodes and cattell. Resydewe of goodes unto Thomas my sone, Xp'ofer my sone, Dorethe, Margaret, Anne, Margery and Johanne my doughters, to be devydyd emong them by Edan my wyff, whome I make my executrix. I wyll Henry Hanssard of Owresby, John Osgerby of Osgerby, and John Odlyng of Claxby shalbe the supervisors. Thes wytnes, Xp'ofer Clerke, parson of Vssylby ; William Beforthe ; and Oliver Richerdson of Vssylby.

Proved before P., at Market Rasen, 5 July, 1530. Admin. granted, etc.

THE TESTAMENT OF MARGARET THOMAS [OF WICKENBY, WIDOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 364.]

20 May, 1530. I Margaret Thomas of Wykynbe, in my pure wydoyhode. My body to be buryed within the churche of St. Peter in Wykynbe. To the high altare for tithys forgottyn iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the reparacions of the forsayd kyrke xx*d.* To the reparacions of our mother churche of Lincoln xij*d.* To the iiij orders of frerys within Lincoln, ich of them x*d.* To Adam Thomas, my sonne, a cownter with a brewyng led and a hyve off ben', [etc.]. To Richerd Thomas, my sone, my gret share and a gret arke, ij ben' hyves, [etc]. To Charlys Thomas. To John Thomas, my sone. To Margaret Newell ; Elizabeth Wycars ; Margaret Wecars, hyr syster ; and Agnes Spenser. To Margaret Spenser my spruce chyst, one matterys, one bordeclothe, and one towell with a frynge that hynges a bowt my bed. To Elizabeth Blawe; Agnes Blawe [*folio* 364*d.*]; Margaret

Gretham ; Josean hyr syster ; Mare Gretham ; Agnes Gretham ; Helionore Gretham ; Helionre Kynson one kyst that was her granfathers ; William Blawe ; John Wecars ; and John Fyttlyng. To Sir John Thomas, my sonne, my brasse potte that I occupy dayly, and my chawyng dyshe, also one potte that is callyd a chaffyng pott. Resydue of goodes to my executors, whome I make Richerd Thomas, my sonne, and George Nevell, and iche of them to have for ther labor vj*s*. viij*d*. I make my sone, John Gretham, supervisor. To John Wycars. To ich of my doughters Isabell Gretham, Elizabeth Newell and Jenet Blawe one sylver spone ; and to Isabell Thomas one sylver spone. Thes beyng whytnes, Sir John Thomas ; William Blawe ; and Henry Person ; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 7 June, 1532.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN SPARROW [OF TOYNTON ST. PETER].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 318*d*.]

23 May, 1530. I John Sparrow. My body to be buryed in the kyrk yerde of St. Peter of Toynton. To the anornamentes of the high alter of St. Peter of Toynton iiij*d*. To the anornamentes of our Lady alter in the same kyrke iiij*d*. To the anornamentes of St. Nicholes alter in the same kyrke iiij*d*. To our Lady warke of Lincoln xij*d*. To Beatrix my wyff the house that I dwell in the terme of her lyff, and xviij landes in the est felde and in the south felde of Toynton, and a house in Horncastr' with all that longes therto. I will have a obbyt day kepyd in Nether Toynton everlastyng of St. Bartholomewe evyn for the soulys of Will' Sparrow and Isabell hys wyff, and Thomas Sparrow and Margaret hys wyff, Richerd Sparrow and Alice hys wyff, and John Sparrow and Beatrix hys wyff ; and that to be takyn of the house that I dwell in and iij landes in Wateryn ; xx*d*. yerly takyn and disposyd for the forsayd soulys, that is for to say, for dirige iiij*d*., and for messe pennys viij*d*., and to the rynggers and pore people viij*d*. To Jenet Eger, my doughter, iiij*l*. aftyr the decease of my wyff, her mother, and that to be takyn of my landes, and payd in iiij yeres. I will v chylder of John Egers have ylk on of them vj*s*. viij*d*., [etc.]. I will have a trentall of xxxty messes done at Boston all of on day. The resydew of my goodes I gyff to Beatrix my wyff, John Sparrow and John Eger, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Branwyth ; William Thomson ; and John Myntyng.

Proved before P., at Parteney, 11 March, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF CLEMENT STAWARD [OF KIRTON IN HOLLAND].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f*. 197.]

25 May, 1530. I Clement Staward of Kyrton, makes my testament, concludyng with my last will. My body to be buryed in the churchyerd of the appostels Peter and Paule in Kyrton, and that thyng for my mortuary as the law doth require. To the hygh alter

for tythys forgotten vj*d*. To every alter besyde ij*d*. To the reparacions of our mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*. To the orphans of St. Catheryns ij*d*. To the reparacions of the church of Kyrton iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the Trinitie gylde xij*d*. To Jenet Cok. Resydew of goodes to John Jakson, my sonne, whome I make my executor. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Thomas Ashley; William Par; John Donyngton; with other moy, yff nede require.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF HENRY BEAMOND [OF ASHBY CUM FENBY].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 219*d*.]

26 May, 1530. I Henry Beamond of Ashby. My body to be buryed within the kyrke of Ashby. I wyt to the high alter of Lincoln vj*d*. To the Red Arke vj*d*. To the kyrke of Ashby ij*s*. To the high alter ij*s*. To Richerd Beamond, my sonne, iij acres whett sawn of the grounde. To Isabell Beamond. The resydewe of my goodes I wytt to Catheryne my wyff, wich I make my executrix to dispose for the well of my soule, as she shall se best to be done. Thes wytnes, Sir Robert Bartylmewe, parson of Ashby; Richerd Hyll of Swalloy; and Nicholes Symon of the same.

Proved before P., at Grymesby, 11 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD BRONE [OF HORSINGTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 210.]

26 May, 1530. I Richerd Brone of Horsyngton. My body to be buryd in the churche yerde of All Haloys. To the church xij*d*. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln xij*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in Lincoln. To St. Margaret church in Buknall. To the church of Wyspyngton. To the church of All Haloys in Horsyngton ij nobyls to fynde ij lighttes for evermore, on before the roode and the other before our Lady. I bequeth x*s*. for a trentall to be done for my soule. Resydue of goodes to John Brone and Ric' Brone, my sonnys, for my funerall days and for to dispose for the helthe of my soule, as they thynke best. Whytnes wheroff, Sir John Kyel; Nicholes Hale; Alexander Scotte.

Proved before P., at Horncastle, 4 October, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF JOAN HALGARTH [OF HORNCASTLE, WIDOW].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 222*d*.]

26 May, 1530. I Johanne Halgarthe of Horncastr', vidoy. My body to be buryed in the paryshe churche of Horncastr', of the south parte, as nygh unto my husband as can be, payng therfore to the sayd churche x*s*. To the high alter vj*s*. viij*d*. in the name of my mortuary. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To the iiij orders of frerys in the sayd Lincoln xx*d*. to every house. To St. Catheryne gylde v*s*. To the goode Roode of the same vj*d*. To the churche warke of the same xx*d*. To the torchys xx*d*. To the bellys xij*d*. To Sir Rawffe Howton iij*s*. iiij*d*. To my syster Emot Orwell;

Johanne Orwell, my syster doughter; Elizabeth Purell; Agnes Fawced; Thomas Purell; every on of John Halgarthe chylder; John Halgarthe iiij dakers of lether; Agnes hys wyff x yerdes of hempe terre; Robert Palfreman; William Parselay. To Jamys Burton to be good and vigelat for my soule x*s*. I will that Robert Palfreyman have the governaunce of Robert Halgarthe, sonne of Thomas Halgarthe, and hys landes and hys swannys unto he cum unto lefull age. To William Halgarthe, sonne of the sayd John Halgarthe. To Thomas Halgarthe. To Robert Reynes a hyde with a bende of lether. At my buryall day a trentall of messes. At my yere day of my husband and me a dirige at the discrestion of my executors as my goodes will extende. To Robert Clerke; John Brokkyt; Robert Foster; Thomas Fawced; Sir Robert Boston, prior of Tupholme, x*s*.; Edward Smyth; Xp'ofor Fawced. I make John Halgarthe and Thomas Estwoode my executors. Resydew of goodes to John Halgarthe to dispose for the helthe of my soule. Thes beyng wytnes, Sir Rawff Howton, my curat; Jame Burton of the same; Richerd Kyrke of the same; Thomas Robynson of the same; Alexander Bowes of the same; William Gray of the same; William Lylle of the same; and John Maydenwell; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Wragby, 14 October, 1530. Admin. granted to John Halgarthe, Thomas Estwoode renouncing.

THE TESTAMENT OF RICHARD POTOKE [OF BUTTERWICK].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 199*d.*]

26 May, 1530. I Richerd Potok of Butterwyk. My body to be beryd in the church yerd of the holy apostle St. Androy. I gyff for my mortuary iij*s*. iiij*d*., and to the sacrament for tithys forgotten iiij*d*. To the chapell of our Lady in the same towne ij*d*. To the reparacions of the mother church of Lincoln iiij*d*., and to St. Jamys in the abbay church off Freston iiij*d*. To John my son a browne cowe and a storryd mare. To Alice my doughter my house with the purtenaunce to her and to her heyres of her body; [remainder] to John my sonne and hys heyres, aftyr the same forme; [remainder in succession] to Richerd [*folio* 200] and Robert and their heyres, after the same forme. To Richerd my sonne vij stonges medoy lying in Butterwyk ynges in fee symple. To John my sone on acr' lande lying at Calffe Hurnys the terme of hys lyff; and after hys decease I will it to be solde and the money therof to be disposyd in fyndyng a prest in Butterwyk church to pray for my soule, for the soulys of all my good frendes and benefactors and for all crysten soulys. The reste of my goodes I put to the disposicion of Jenet Pedder, my syster, whome I make my executrix to bryng up my chylder, etc. I require John Kytchyn the yonger, sone of Thomas Kytchyn, to overse that thys my wyll and testament be fulfyllyd. Thes wytnes, Sir Thomas Pycto, prest; Richerd Cram; John Kyrkby; John Pyshy; with other moy.

Proved before P., at Freston, 11 August, 1530.

THE TESTAMENT OF MATTHEW CARTER, [PARSON OF FULLETBY].
[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 352.]

31 May, 1530. I Sir Mathewe Carter, parsone of the churche of Fulletby. My body to be buryed within the highe qwere of St. Androy of Fulletby. To our Lady warkes of Lincoln a golde ring with a dyamonde. To the high altare of the same viij*d.* I will that Sir Thomas Sheperde syng ij yeres in Fulletby churche for my soule, my fader soule, my moder soule, and all my benefactors soulys; and he to have for hys stipende every yere v*l.* To every house holder within Fulletby a bushill of malte or barly. To Mr Roberte Moneson, my godsun, a sylver salte with a cover, and a sylver pece, weyng in the hole viij unces and a halffe. To Mr William Moneson xxty lammys. To Masterys Francys Askewe xx*d.* To Master Commyssary a fedder bedde, a bolster and xxty of my best wedders. To Mr Henry Sapcotes xiij*s.* iiij*d.* To Dorothe Sapcotes, my goddoughter, vj*s.* viij*d.* To Master Peter Efforde xx*d* To Sir John Astruppe a gowne lynyd wyth blake furre, a nother gowne lynyd wyth fytchys, and my best rydyng gowne, a worstyd dooblet, a worstyd jakyt, my best bonet, all my bokes, [etc.]. To the vicare of Swaton my beste hatte. To Jenet my syster vj*s.* viij*d.* To Robert Wate; Mathew Wayt; Agnes Alesby; Jenet Wayt; Margaret Wayt; Catheryne Wayte; Agnes my syster a tawnye gowne, [etc.]; Robert Astroppe; Jenet Astrop; [*folio* 352*d.*] John Carter, my neve; Thomas Veale, my neve. To Robert Wylson my indenture of my farme in Fulletby duryng my yeres, excepte my gret close which I bequeth to the parsone nexte ensewyng; they to pay the lordes rent. And yff so be that the parsone be resydent and kepe house, then I will that my hole ferme remayn unto the parsone when iiij hole yeres aftyr my decesse be endyd. To John Thewe, my servant; John Cobbyng, my neve; John Veale, my neve, my blak nagge callyd Corke; Robert Veale. To Jennet Cobbyng, my nece, my indenture of my lyttyll house in Fulletby duryng my yeres. To Margaret Carter and Jenet Cobbyng, my neces, all my housholde stuff unbequethyd equally to be devydyd betwyxt them. To the churche of Fulletby xl*s.* to by ij vestimentes with the same. To Sir John Cocke, parsone of Kettesby my long gowne lynyd with sattyn cypres. To Sir Henry Goslyng, vicare of Edlyngton, vj schepe and my chamlet hode. To the iiij orders of frerys of Lincoln to every house iij*s.* iiij*d.* I will that my bedstokes in the parler and ij in the chamber, and my brewyng leade remayn styll to my successors. To Mr John Moneson of Carleton, esquyer, and Mr Thomas Dymok of Carleton, esquyer, to every of them viij quarters malte, desyryng them to be the supervisors and to helpe my executors. To Sir Thomas Sheperde, Sir Richerde Johnson, Sir Richerde Harde, John Cobbyng, John Carter, Agnes my syster, Thomas Veale and Mathew Wayte all my croppe whiche shall cum of my ferme and glebe lande thys yere, to be devydyd emong them. To Robert Leche, William Leche, Stephyn Sawmon and Nicholes

Leche. The resydue of my goodes I will be disposyd for the helthe of my soule and for the soulys of my frendes and benefactors by John Pryn commissary, Sir John Cocke parson of Kettesby, and Sir John Astrop my neve, whome I make my executors. Thes wytnes, Sir Thomas Sheperde; Sir Henry Goslyng, vicare of Edlyngton; with other mo.

Proved before Thomas Thorneton, dean of the deanery of Loutheske and Ludburgh, and deputy of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Lincoln, at Louthe, 12 June, 1532, by the executors.

[THE TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM WILLIAMSON OF BILLINGHAY.]

[L.C.C., 1538-40, *f.* 86. *Translated from the Latin.*]

24 August, 1521. I William Williamson makes my testament. I bequeath my soul to God the Father Almighty, blessed Mary and all his saints; and my body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew of Byllynggay. To the high altar for tithes forgotten xx*d.* To the church of Byllynggay one vestment. To the mother church of Lincoln ij*s.* To the high altar of the church of Swaton for tithes forgotten iij*s.* To the poor of the same xx*d.* To the church of Osburneby iij*s.* iiij*d.* To the poor of the same xx*d.* To the church of Maksaye v*s.* To the high altar of Makesay xx*d.* To the four orders of friars of Lincoln xx*s.*, that is, to each v*s.* To the nuns of Catlay x*s.*, and to the reparations of the same x*s.* To every poor servant-maid within the town of Billinggay vj*d.* To every godchild (*confilio*) of mine of either sex xij*d.* To Betrice my sister. To every servant of my house ij*s.* I bequeath x*s.* to find one suitable chaplain to celebrate for my soul, [etc.], for the two years next following after my decease. I make Katherine my wife and Anthony my son my executors, to whom I bequeath the residue of my goods, except that I bequeath to Mary Standyshe one cow and one calf. These being witnesses, Thomas Lytster, clerk, vicar of Byllynggay; William Hycson, chaplain; Thomas Cooke; John Herde, senior; William Grene; Thomas Herd; and others.

[Proved before Pope, at Lincoln, 14 September, 1538.]

THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE HOWSON [OF BOSTON].

[L.C.C., 1520-31, *f.* 55*d.*]

4 February, 1522. I Georg Howson. To Thomas my son the house that I now dwell in, to hym hys heyres and assignes; and yff he deceasse withowt heyres off hys body, and he may spare it unsolde, I will it remayn to the gyld off sanct Peter with in the parysh church of sanct Botulphe in Boston, yff thay may lawfully take it, or ellys it to be solde, and the mony theroff to be disposed by hys executors for our saulys, fathers, mothers and other our

benefactors and for all crysten soulys. To Agnes my syster; and at hyr decease I will that my soon bryng hyr forth and that she have our mortuary horse, mare or best above the price off vj*s*. viij*d*. The resydue off my goodes I gyff to Thomas my soone, whome I make my executor. Mr Thomas Robertson, to be my supervysour. Thyes beyng wyttnes, Sir Thomas Scheyrsse[1], parysh prest of the same; William Moltbe; and William Dymbylton.

Proved before P., at Boston, 27 September, 1527. Admin. granted to the executor.

THE TESTAMENT OF CHRISTOPHOR THAROLDE [OF WAITH].

[L.C.C., 1534, etc., *f.* 6*d.*]

1525. I Xp'ofor Tharolde. My body to be buryed in the churche of Wathe; my mortuary aftyr the custome of the cuntrith. To our Lady of Lincoln xij*d*. To the high altare of Wathe for tithes forgottyn xx*d*. To the churche of Wathe iij*s*. iiij*d*. To the churche of Asby xij*d*. Resydue of goodes to Alice my wyff, whome I orden my executrix, that she may dispose for the well of my soule as she lykes beste. Thes wytnessys, Sir Henry Herdwyk, vicare of Wathe; Robert Johnson; Richerde Pynnyng; William Ranȝer; John Ranȝer; with other mo.

Proved before P., at Lincoln, 16 February, 1534.

THE TESTAMENT OF THOMAS BELLOW [OF BOSTON].

[VAR., *f.* 71*d.*]

9 May, 1526. I Thomas Bellow of Boston. My body to be buryd with in sanct Botulphe church in Boston. To my mortuarye accordyng to the custom. To the hygh alter for tythes forgotten xx*d*. To our Lady of Lincoln xx*d*. To Alice my wyffe the howsse wych I do dwell in, and also the howses and copy that I have of my lorde Roosse, duryng her lyffe, [etc.]; [remainder] to Robert my sone and to the heyres of hys body; [remainder] to my doghters and to the heyres of ther bodyes; [remainder to] be solde, and disposyd for my soule, my wyffe soule and all crysten solles. I wyll that Alice my wyffe have a pasture in Wyberton felde, the wych I have of George Sybsay by lease for the terme of x yeres, [etc.]. To my thre chylder xl*l*., that is to say, every of them xxti marke, att the age of xxjti yeres or els at the day of ther mariages; and every of them to be other heyres; [remainder to be disposed] [*folio* 72] for my soule, my wyffe soule and all crysten soules. To John Newman, my wyffe sone, vj*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. att the age of xxty yeres. To Elizabet my wyffe syster. To Wylliam my prentys all my schope gere and knyffes, [etc.]. To my brother, John Bellow, my blakke furryd gowne and my best doblyt. To John Geffray son my gown furryd with whytte lam, and to my brother Blakloke my gown lynyd

[1] The same as 'Cersey' (*cp.* p. 214, l. 11).

with satten of sypres. To Thomas Chapman. I will ther be gyffyn in almos to pore people at the dayes of my buryall, my vijth day and xxxty day iiij*l*. I will that a prest do syng for me the space of a hole yere, and he to have for hys stypende and wages viij marke. I wyll that Alice my wyffe bere the costes and charges of my chylder with such goodes as I leffe with her for the same entent to they cum to the age off xiiij yeres a pece. Resydew of goodes to Alice my wyffe for to bere the charges of fyndyng and bryngyng up of my chylder. I make to be myn executors Alice my wyffe and Robert Lounde; and Robert Poluertoft, gentylman, to be the supervisour. Thyse beyng wyttnes, Syr Thomas Cersy, prest; John Margery; Wylliam Kynner; John Browne; Thomas Broune; Stephyn Clark; and John Percy.

Proved before P., in the parish church of Boston, 4 October, 1526. Admin. granted to the executors.

THE TESTAMENT OF SIR THOMAS BURTON, [PARSON OF THE NORTH PART OF EAST KEAL].

[L.C.C., 1538-40, *f.* 157*d.*]

12 May, 1529. I Thomas Burton, parson of the northe parte of the paryshe churche of Esterkell. My body to be buryed in the churche yerde of the Invencyon of the Holly Crosse of Esterkele, at the end of our Lady quere, at the feyt of my fader and moder. To the sacrament xij*d*. To the churche warkes of Esterkell x*s*. To the churche warkes of Ouer Toynton xx*d*. To the churche warkes of Westerkell xx*d*. To Thomas Ric'son the juni', my godsone. To Annas Ric'son, my syster [*folio* 158]. To Ezabell Ric'son a rede flecyd cow, and my morlay gowne. To Margaret Ric'son a blake cowe, the elder of ij that I bought of Johne Taylor. To Alyce Ryc'son a blake flekyd cowe. To Gylbert Ric'son. To Johne Ric'son a yong colt stag. To Thomas Ric'son, my broder. To Annes Voluntyn. I wyll that ther be delte emong my pore paryshoners ij seme rye. I wyll that Thomas Burton of Bullyngbroke be on of my executores. Item Mr parson off Bullyngbroke[1] be my supervisor. Resydew to Thomas Ryc'son and Annas his wyfe. Thes beryng wytnes, Sir Thomas Maltby, Mr of the chauntre of Spyllesby; Sir Wylliam Cole, parson of Parteney; and Sir Johne Wystowe; with oder.

Proved before Pope, at Spyllesby, 6 May, 1539.

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[1] This was Robert Cowper, who was rector in 1526 (*Salter*, p. 4), and whose will was dated 4 June, 1551 (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, book 1543-56, f. 141*d.*).

APPENDIX

[The Testament of Henry de Colebi of Lincoln[1]]

[*Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln*, D ij, 76/1, no. 15.]

✠ In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti Amen. Hoc est testamentum Henrici de Colebi[2] in Lincolnia. qui licet infirmus corpore bona tamen et sana memoria constitutus nesciens quid ipsum contingere posset humanitus ac[3] sciens et considerans quia nichil est certius morte nichil incertius hora mortis[4] et nolens decedere intestatus ipsum condidit in hunc modum. ¶ In primis animam suam Deo et corpus suum ecclesiastice sepulture in cimiterio ecclesie beate Marie de Wikeford*ia*. sue parrochialis et tradi voluit et commendari. et eidem ecclesie pro suo principali meliorem pannum suum dedit et legauit. ¶ Item voluit et precepit ut equi sui. vacca. porci et vtensilia venderentur et inde debita sua acquietarentur. et si quod residuum fuerit solutis debitis. de illa pecunia ꝗ illud reliquit vxori sue et Johanni filio suo. ¶ Item legauit Johanni filio suo vnum ensem meliorem [*tr*[5]] de tribus. ¶ Item Thome Makait vnum ensem de Scocia. ¶ Item Johanni nepoti Rogeri filii Benedicti vnum ensem. ¶ Item legauit Willelmo fratri suo sigillum suum argenteum. ¶ Item legauit Johanni filio suo libros suos omnes excepto libro bucolicorum quem legauit Johanni Bacheler. ¶ Item vxori Johannis Poult de Coleby[6] vnum tapetum rubeum quod inpignoratur. ¶ Item Matilde Bacheler aliud tapetum rubeum. ¶ Item Juliane tunicam suam de viridi ¶ Item voluit et precepit vt omnes domus sue preter eam quam inhabitat venderentur et inde pro anima sua in quantum extendi poterit quod pro eis capietur secundum disposicionem executorum distribueretur suorum. ¶ Cetera etiam bona mobilia vniuersa et singula que in hac cedula non continentur ꝗ nec cuiquam [sunt[7]] legata ꝗ ordinacioni suorum executorum reliquit. ut per eos deum pre oculis habentes pauperibus amicis suis et consanguineis necnon et aliis piis locis quibus fuls[erint[7]] opera misericordie karitatiue erogentur. Rogauit atten-

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[1] An incomplete translation of part of this testament was printed in the previous volume (*Lincoln Record Society*, v, p. 1). The missing portion has lately been discovered and, in view of the fact that the document is the earliest known instance of a Lincolnshire testament, the text of the original is printed here. There is a registered copy of the testament in the *Registrum* of the Dean and Chapter (Aj, 1, no. 6, f. 143*d*., no. 1012).

[2] 'Coleby' in the *Registrum*.

[3] The *Registrum* omits 'ac.'

[4] See Introduction, § 1.

[5] Cancelled.

[6] 'Colleby' in the *Registrum*.

[7] Supplied from the *Registrum*, there being a hole in the charter.

cius dilectos sibi Willelmum de Coleby fratrem suum Thomam Makait[1] de Lincolnia. et vxorem suam ipsos executores istius sui testamenti siue vltime voluntatis sue constituens ut officium quod vltimum elogium siue testamentum habere decet affectu quo possent maiori secundum Deum studerent fideliter perimplere. Hiis ad hoc vocatis Johanne de Coleby Matilda de Coleby ut huiusmodi[2] rei geste si necesse esset testimonium perhiberent. Anno domini. M°. CC°. septuagesimo primo die sabbati proxima ante festum natiuitatis beate Marie fuit istud confectum testamentum. [*11 x 4½ inches. Two strips for seals, the lower one having been torn off: below the strips a narrow ribband.*]

Translation

✠ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. This is the testament of Henry de Colebi in Lincoln, who, though weak in body, was nevertheless of good and sound mind, ignorant of what might befall him after the manner of men, and knowing and considering, that 'nothing is more certain than death, nothing more uncertain than the hour of death,' and being unwilling to die intestate, made it in this manner. First he willed that his soul be delivered and commended to God and his body to burial after the manner of the Church in the churchyard of his parish-church of the blessed Mary of Wykeford. And to the same church for his mortuary he gave and bequeathed his best garment. Also he willed and enjoined that his horses, cow, pigs and utensils should be sold, and his debts be discharged therefrom; and if there should be any residue of that money after the payment of his debts, he left it to his wife and to his son John. Also he bequeathed to his son John one sword, the best of three. Also to Thomas Makait one sword from Scotland. Also to John grandson of Roger son of Benet one sword. Also he bequeathed to his brother William his silver seal. Also he bequeathed to his son John all his books except the book of bucolics, which he bequeathed to John Bacheler. Also to the wife of John Poult of Coleby one red coverlet which is in pawn. Also to Maud Bacheler another red coverlet. Also to Juliana his tunic of green. Also he willed and enjoined that all his houses, except that in which he dwells, should be sold, and that that which shall be received for them, should be distributed for his soul as far as it will extend, according to the disposition of his executors. The rest moreover of all and singular his moveable goods which are not contained in this paper, nor bequeathed to anyone, he left to the disposition of his executors in order that by them, having God before their eyes, they may be expended on his poor friends and kinsmen and also on other religious places which may be distinguished for works of mercy and charity. Most urgently he begged his beloved William de

[1] 'Makehait' in the *Registrum*.
[2] 'huius' in the *Registrum*.

Coleby his brother, and Thomas Makait of Lincoln, and his wife, appointing them executors of this his testament and his last will that they, with the greatest possible goodwill, according to the will of God, might be zealous faithfully to fulfil the observance which a last will or testament ought to have. These being called hereto, John de Coleby and Maud de Coleby, in order that, if need be, they may bear witness. This testament was made in the year of the Lord one thousand, two hundred, and seventy-one, on the Saturday next before the feast of the nativity of the blessed Mary [5 September].

The following charters in the muniment of the Dean and Chapter relate to the property devised in the foregoing will.

[D ij, 76/1, no. 16. *A copy is given in the* Registrum, folio 143*d.*, no. 1011.]

Let [men] know present and to come that I, John son of Robert le Norreis of Beverley have given, granted and by this my present charter have confirmed to Henry de Coleby, clerk, all that my land with the buildings and all its appurtenances, which was once of Agnes Matfray, my aunt (*amite*), lying between the land of Richard de Trowell' on the north side and the land of Robert son of William Badde on the south side, in the parish of St. George, Lincoln; to have and to hold of me and my heirs to the aforesaid Henry and his heirs or his assigns, freely, quietly and unencumbered, with all its appurtenances, liberties and easements to the same land belonging. Rendering therefor yearly to me and my heirs one penny at the nativity[1] of the Lord; and nevertheless rendering therefor to the dean and chapter of the mother church of Lincoln one mark of silver at two terms of the year, to wit half a mark at the feast of St. Michael and half a mark at Easter, for all secular service, custom and exaction and for all demands. And moreover I the aforesaid John and my heirs or my assigns will warrant, acquit and defend the aforesaid land with all its appurtenances, as is aforesaid, to the aforesaid Henry and his heirs or his assigns for the aforesaid services against all men for ever. In support and witness whereof I have to this present charter set my seal. These being witnesses, William de Holgate, then mayor of the city of Lincoln; John de Kirkestede and Gernegan de Neuport, then bailiffs (*balliuis*) of Lincoln; John de Paris; William Brid'[2]; Martin le Cordewan*er*; Peter the Tailor (*Parmentario*); Geoffrey son of Adam de Botewer[3]; Nicholas the Carter (*le Caretario*); Robert le Gaunt'; Alan Brun; Alexander Clouelec; Hugh the Clerk; and others. *Endorsed*: Lincoln, in the parish of St. George [*13th century*].

[*Circa 1260-70.* $7\frac{3}{4}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ *inches. Seal on tag—a fragment, dark green, a shield charged with a bird*; . . . . . RAIS DE . . . . .]

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[1] The *Registrum* omits 'at the nativity'.
[2] 'Budd' in the *Registrum*.
[3] 'Botewerk' in the *Registrum*.

[Dij, 76/1, no. 14. *A copy is given in the* Registrum, folios 143*d.*, 144, no. 1013.]

To all the faithful of Christ who shall see or hear the present writing William de Coleby, Thomas Makehayt and Claricia wife of the late Henry de Coleby, the executors of the testament of the same Henry, eternal greeting in the Lord. Let the whole body of you know that we, according to the last will of the said Henry deceased with respect to his houses in the parish of St. George, which were late William Matefrey's, with all their appurtenances, have appointed and have for ever released and quitclaimed them with the whole plot (*placea*) adjoining, which extends in length from the king's street on the west side to the wall of the lord the king on the east side, with its whole breadth, to the lords Richard the dean and the chapter of the church of Lincoln, for a certain sum of money which they have given to us. So that neither we henceforth in the name of executorship, nor any one hereafter in the name of inheritance, shall at any time be able to assert or demand any right or claim in the aforesaid land. Now in order that we may give them all the security we can in this behalf, we have delivered to the same dean and chapter the aforesaid Henry's charter of feoffment, which he had in respect of the aforesaid land, together with his testament in which he gave us full power to sell the same and to make an appointment concerning it, as in it is more fully contained. And the same dean and chapter have remised to us all the arrears which were due to them in respect of the aforesaid land. In witness whereof and in support of our release and quitclaim we have to this writing set our seals. Witnesses, Sir William de Holgate, then mayor of the city; Matthew Doggenek' and Robert le Tanur, then bailiffs (*prepositis*) of the same; Osbert son of Giles; Jordan his brother; Thomas son of Robert; James of the Bridge (*de Ponte*); Hugh de Len; and others. *Endorsed*: To the dean and chapter [*13th century*].

[A.D. *1273-4*. $6\frac{3}{4}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ *inches*. *Three tags for seals.*]

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AGNUS, THE. The part of the Eucharistic Service beginning with the words *Agnus Dei*. 124

ALMAIN-RIVETS. Almmenreuettes. A kind of light armour first used in Germany, in which great flexibility was obtained by overlapping plates sliding on rivets (*N.E.D.*). 65

AMBLING. Moving at a smooth or easy pace. Used of a foal (p. 8), a filly (p. 147), a gelding (pp. 172, 204), a horse (p. 18), a mare (p. 178), a nag (p. 31), a stag or young horse (pp. 21, 31, 131, 172, 200).

AMBRY, AUMBRY. A cupboard; a closed recess in a wall; such a cupboard or recess in a church for books, vessels, vestments, etc. 41, 48, 52, 85, 90, 96

ANENDES. Anent, in respect of. 95

ANGEL NOBLE. An old English gold coin, a new issue of the noble, first coined in 1465 by Edward IV. It derived its name from its device of the archangel Michael standing upon, and piercing the dragon. From 1 to 34 Henry VIII its value was 7*s*. 6*d*. (See *N.E.D.*). 35, 100

ANOIL, AN OYLE. To anoint, to give extreme unction to the dying. 59

ANOWE. An ewe. 70

ARRAYMENTS, AREYMENTS. The vestments or outfit (of a gild). 114

ASSEMBLE. Assembly. 90

ASWYER. Esquire. 65

AWTH. Ought. 14

BED, LONG. The grave. 89

BEGOTTEN. Forgotten. 124

BEND OF LEATHER. Half an ox-hide rounded, *i.e.* with the surrounding thinner parts (*i.e.* the hide of the head and shoulders and of the belly and shanks) cut off (*N.E.D.*). 210

BETAKE. To bequeath. 144

BEWYT. Bequeathed. 183

BIRD-WORK, BYRDE WARKE. Embroidery representing birds. 52

BLANKET, BLANKYD. A white or undyed woollen stuff. 144

BOLOKE. A bullock. 35

BOILED LEATHER. *Lat.* CORIUM BULLIETUM. *French* CUIR BOUILLI. Leather boiled till it is soft enough to be pressed into the desired shape. vol. i, 17

BOOKS FOR PREACHERS—

(i) *Distructorium Viciorum*. Probably the *Destructorium Viciorum* of Alexander Anglus, 'cuiusdam fabri lignarii filius,' written in 1429; and printed at Cologne 1480 and 1485, Nuremburg 1496, etc. Another *Destructorium Vitiorum* is identical with the *Dialogus Creaturarum*, another book for preachers, of which eight editions appeared before 1510.

(ii) *Gesta Romanorum*. A favourite medieval preachers' book consisting of a collection of tales that might be used to enforce and enliven lessons from the pulpit. Each tale was provided with its application or moral. Nominally the tales were taken from Roman history, but other sources were freely drawn upon, and many of the stories came from the East. The tales were used by Shakespeare and other poets. The book was compiled about the end of the thirteenth or the beginning of the fourteenth century; and was first printed, about 1472, by N. Ketelaer and G. de Leempt at Utrecht. An early English version was edited for the Roxburghe Club by Sir Frederic Madden in 1838, and re-edited for the Early English Text Society by Mr. S. J. H. Herrtage in 1879. The tales were translated into English by the Rev. Charles Swan in 1824, and a new edition of Swan's book, with a preface by E. A. Baker, M.A., appeared in 1905 (London: George Routledge and Sons). A selection of stories from the collection was printed in 1884 in Morley's Universal Library under the title *Mediæval Tales*.

(iii) *Sermones Discipuli*. A book of sermons, written *circa* A.D. 1420, by Johann Herold, a German or Swiss Dominican. It was first printed in 1482, and had run through forty-one editions before the year 1500.

(iv) *Sermones Parati*. An anonymous collection of sermons called *Paratus de tempore & de sanctis*; so called because the opening text of each part begins with the word *paratus*, *e.g.* I Pet. iv, 5, Ps. cxviii, 60 (Vulgate), etc. There were at least seventeen editions before 1500.

(v) *Sermones XIII*. *Sermones XIII predicabiles per totum annum* by Michael of Hungary (Michaelis de Ungaria), who is variously claimed as a Franciscan and as a Dominican, and who may possibly have been an Englishman since some of his sermons contain English words and allusions. Many editions appeared before 1513.

BOSTER. A bolster. 65

BRANDED, BRANDYT. Brinded, brindled. 187

BRANDRETH, BRANDRYTH. A gridiron; a tripod or trivet. 174

BREDE. Breadth. 135

BREDES. Breadths, widths. Linen was woven in a long narrow web, several bredes or leaves (Latin, *folia*) of which had to be sewn together to make a sheet. 53

BRIDGES. *See* BRUGES.

BROILING-IRON, BROLYNG YERN. A kind of Dutch oven. 66

BRUGES, BRIDGES. The name of a town in Flanders used to describe a kind of satin. 56

BUNWAYN. A wain or wagon bound (with iron). 180

BUTT. A land, selion, or rigg; especially such a land when short of its full length owing to the irregular shape of the field. (See *N.E.D.*). 164. *Cp.* RIGG.

BUTTER. Apparently a blacksmith's tool; probably for striking or ramming. 105

BYNK BORD. *Perhaps* a dresser or plate-rack. 207

BYRDE WARKE. *See* Bird-work.

CARE SUNDAY. Passion Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent. 26

CARROD. *Perhaps for* carved. 52

CARSEY. *See* KERSEY.

CAWTHORN. Caldron. 52

CERTUM, SERTUM (*Lat.*). A garland; (the explanation in volume i, p. 245, should be cancelled). Volume i, 15, 245.

CHESABELL. A chasuble. 6

CHR'EN. Christian. 146-7
CHYFTYD. Shifted, divided. 179
CORIUM BULLIETUM. *See* BOILED LEATHER.
CORSE, COORSE, CORPS. The body or ground-work (of a girdle). 51
COUCHER, COWCHER. A table-cloth. 144
CRISTENED. Brought to baptism. 18
CROOK. An iron hook and chain in the chimney on which vessels are hung over the fire. 105
CROSS-WEEK. Rogation-week. 76
CUSTOM-WORK, LAND OF THE. Land held by the customary services owed by the tenants of a manor. 35
CUTTED. Small, diminutive. 59
CYPRESS, SATIN OF CYPRESS. A valuable quality of satin, originally imported from or through Cypress (*N.E.D.*). 211, 214

DAN. An honourable title—master, sir, given especially to members of a religious order. 151
DELF. A large drain in the fens of the eastern counties. 35
DEMICEINT, DYMYSENT. A girdle having ornamental work on the front half only. 51
DESE. Dais, a raised table in a hall, at which distinguished persons sat at feasts, etc.; a raised platform at one end of a hall on which such a table stood (*N.E.D.*). 52
DORNICK, DORNYX. A species of silk, worsted, woollen, or partly woollen fabric, used for hangings, carpets, etc.; called after the Flemish town of Dornick (in French called 'Tournay') where such fabrics were originally manufactured (*N.E.D.*). 52
DOWED, DOVYD, DOWYD. Dulled *or* faded (*N.E.D.*); a faded colour, probably of brown or reddish hue: 'one cowe of the color callyd dowyd' (*Lincoln Consistory Court*, book 1532-4, f. 326*d.*). 139, 171, 195. *Cp.* vol. i, 58, 145
DYMYSENT. *See* DEMICEINT.

ELENETTYS. Eel-nets. 105

FARTHING, FARDYNG. A farthing or fardel of land was the fourth part of a carucate or bovate or acre, etc. 166
FARTHING BREAD, FARTHYNG BREDE. Loaves costing a farthing each. 24, 166
FEFT. Enfeoffed, put in possession; properly used only with respect to land, but here used in relation to money. 172
FELYS. Fillies. 147
FIMBLE, FEMBULL. Material made of hemp. 12
FINAL EXPENSES. That is, the last or funeral expenses, etc. 39
FITCHES, fytchys. Pole-cats, the skins of pole-cats. 211
FLEKYD. Flitched, flanked. 214
FOOLE. A foal. 191
FOURED COTE. Furred coat. 134
FREM. Not related. 44
FRUNDEL, FRYNDEL. A dry measure; said to be equal to two pecks. 154
FURGON, FORGAN. A poker. 53
FURMERES. *Perhaps* forms, benches. 65
FYLYS. Files. 105

GAD. A strip of the open pasture, usually 6½ feet wide; = swath (*N.E.D.*). 77
GALLORE. Gallery. 52
GARTHYNS. Gardens. 41
GEYS. Geese. 85

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GIMMAL, GYMMOWE. A finger-ring (*rarely* an ear-ring) so constructed as to admit of being divided into two (sometimes into three) rings (*N.E.D.*). 40-1
GRAIL BOOK, GRALE BOKE. A gradual, or book containing the antiphons sung between the epistle and the gospel at the Eucharist. 156
GRIS, GRICE. The fur of any grey animal. The explanation under GRICE in vol. i, p. 251, should be cancelled. Vol. i, 17, 251
GYLE-FAT. The brewing vat in which wort is left to ferment. 52

HAIR, HERE. A cloth, mat, or other fabric of hair used for drying or straining; a sieve of hair-cloth. *Cp.* KYLNEHEIRE. 194
HANGER, HYNGER. A loop or strap on a belt from which a sword, dagger, or knives were hung; often richly ornamented. 161
HARNESS. Armorial bearings. 51
HARNESS. Defensive body-armour, military equipment. 129, 181
HAUSE. Owes. 176
HEDEMAN PENCES. A species of mass-pence†; perhaps the payment to the celebrant, or chief minister, at mass. 99
HELE. Health, well-being, salvation. 93
HELLYGHT. Health. 176
HEWKE. *See* HUKE.
HOGNERS. *Perhaps* the collectors of money for parochial purposes on the Hock-days, the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter. 111
HOLM. A small island, islet; especially in a river. 20
HOME, WHOOM, TO BRING. To bring to burial. xi, 61, 152
HOMESTADYLL. A homestead. 40
HOOKER, HOWKER BOTE. A fishing smack with one or two masts. 24
HOOP(1). A ring. 56
HOOP(2), HOPE, UPE. A measure of corn, etc., of varying capacity. 123, 150
HORREG COTE. *Query* an orange coat. 156
HORYS. *Perhaps for* ears, projections to serve as handles. 52
HOSTGANS. Oxgangs or bovates. 96
HOUSING, HOUSYNG. Houses, house-property. 165
HUKE, HEWKE. (*Old French* huque, heuque; *medieval Latin*, huca). A kind of cape or cloak with a hood, worn chiefly by women (*N.E.D.*). 144
HUSTLEMENTS, HOSTELMENTES, USTELMENTTES. Household goods. 85-6, 149, 190

INDEWRYNG. During. 156
INDUMENT. A garment, robe. 90
INGROUND. Ing ground, meadow. 40
INTERMYSSE. *Perhaps for* to intromit, deal with property. 185

KENDAL. A species of green woollen cloth, called after Kendal in Westmorland, the place of manufacture (*N.E.D.*). 126, 162, 209
KERSEY, CARSEY. A kind of course narrow cloth, woven from wool, and usually ribbed (*N.E.D.*). 161
KIMNELL, KYMNYLL, KYNNELL. A tub for brewing, kneading, salting meat, and other household purposes (*N.E.D.*). 52, 88
KIST, KYST. A chest or coffer. 144
KYEN. Kine. 146
KYLNEHEIRE. The hair strainer of a malt-kiln. *Cp.* HAIR. 52

LAIR-STONE, LAYRSTON. A grave-stone. 164
LAND. A selion or strip of arable land in the open fields. 77
LEASOWS, LESOURES. Meadows. 87
LEC'. Lections, lessons. 17

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